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How should water quality be improved?

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Everyone agrees there is a need for improvement in the state's water quality. However, the method of improving the water quality is disputed. Three different groups have put forward three different plans.

The Michigan Department of Natural Resources says it wants a consistent set of rules along the rivers and wants to achieve that through the designation of natural river on some northern Michigan streams.

The property owners say they are good stewards of the river, better, in fact, than the state, and see no need for oversight by a state agency.

Local governmental units have established zoning rules they feel do a good job of protecting the rivers within their jurisdiction and do not want to have a state agency coming in and overturning them.

This fall the Mackinac Center for Public Policy suggested two ways to improve water quality. Their first method is the privatization of Michigan's rivers, thus agreeing with the landowners position, but taking it one step further.

The Center said that the quality of Michigan's rivers, "such as the AuSable River," could be improved by privatizing river management and holds up Scotland as an example where sections of most rivers that flow through private property are privately managed. According to the Center the quality of the water in Scotland has improved and

fishing is much better since privatization. River access in Scotland is extremely limited. Public fishing can only be done along stretches of the river that are publicly owned. The river in front of privately owned property is considered part of the owner's property.

Access to the private water is gained only by making an arrangement with each individual property owner. Several land owners allow fishing along their stretch of the river for a fee, which begins at about \$50 per day for the lesser known rivers. This fee is in addition to the fishing license that must be purchased to fish in the country.

The second major suggestion the Mackinac Center makes to improve the water quality of Michigan's rivers is the proposed water quality trading program for rivers. The proposed set of rules would allow industrial facilities to earn credits for voluntary reductions in discharges of nutrients such as phosphorus and nitrogen, and to trade credits with willing buyers whose effluents would otherwise exceed regulatory caps.

According to the Center, the pilot project on parts of the Kalamazoo River watershed showed that credit trading improved water quality on the river. However, the official report of the project states that no credit trading occurred and the main thing done to improve water quality was to decrease stream bank erosion, which cut the levels of both nitrogen and phosphorus.

Hospital's holiday card design winner chosen

A card designed by Fairview Elementary School third grade student, Sarah Force, has been chosen as the winning entry in Mercy Hospital Grayling's 2002 Children's Christmas Card Design Contest. The contest was open to children in grades Kindergarten through fourth grade at 12 schools in the region.

A plaque, together with a grand prize of an art supply kit, will be presented to Force, age nine, who

lives in Comins with her parents.

Mercy Hospital CEO Stephanie Riemer-Matzuk announced the winner after judges selected Force's entry from 290 drawings submitted. Judges noted Force's design was original, filled the page with color, expressed a Christmas theme ("Let's Come Together"), and carried that theme consistently in the design. Force's design shows doctors, nurses and patients holding hands around a Christmas

tree near Mercy's Emergency Department.

"We didn't really expect to see a picture of the hospital, but the drawing was so well done and so appropriate that we couldn't resist," said Alishia Lynd, one of the contest judges. "Besides, the amount of detail in the drawing was really impressive."

In addition to the grand prize, prizes were awarded to 43 other students, representing one prize for

every participating grade in every school. Force and the other award recipients will be honored at the Mercy Hospital Grayling Auxiliary's "Lights of Love" tree lighting ceremony on December 3 at 5:30 p.m.

Force's winning artwork, as well as that of the other grade winners and all the other children, will be exhibited at Mercy Hospital Grayling throughout the holiday season.



Citizen's help leads to arrest

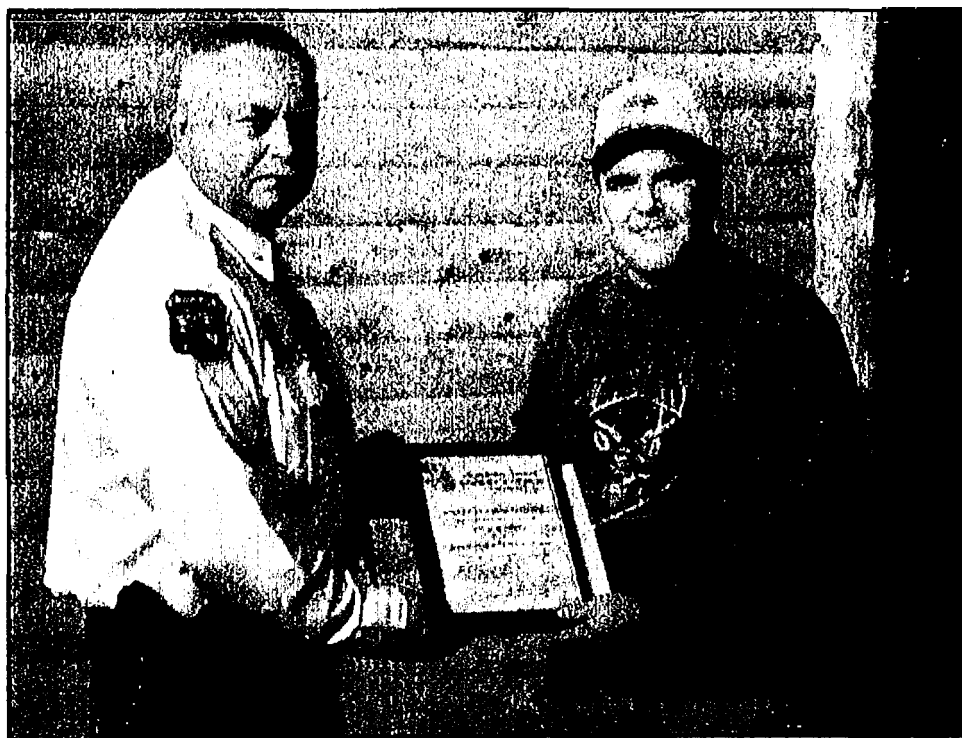


Photo courtesy of the Crawford County Sheriff's Office

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield presents Wylie A. Gaff with a special citation for his help in apprehending a suspect wanted in connection with several crimes.

by Cheryl Raley
Staff Writer

A Lovells Township man was recognized recently for his assistance in the apprehension of a wanted felon.

Wylie A. Gaff, of the Kellogg's One Stop Shop, was presented with a Sheriff's Civilian Citation on November 8 by Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield.

Wakefield said Gaff's actions went above and beyond the assistance received from a private citizen. He said Gaff assisted several law enforcement agencies during the investigation and subsequent arrest of Ronald Charles Kisse on October 27 when Kisse held the Emergency Response Team at bay

for nine hours, barricaded in his parents' Lovells Township cabin. Information Gaff provided was instrumental in the suspect's arrest.

Sheriff Wakefield said that while he doesn't recommend citizens take the law into their own hands, he really does appreciate the assistance citizens can provide when they are aware of pertinent information and serve as an extra set of eyes and ears.

Wakefield believes Kisse's apprehension was key in halting a string of break-ins in the Warbler's Hideaway neighborhood.

Kisse has been charged with four felony counts in connection with several breaking and enterings and the theft of a motor vehicle.

Safety belt law strictly enforced during holiday

Law enforcement agencies throughout Michigan, including in Crawford County, are warning holiday travelers that there will be a stepped-up effort to enforce the safety belt law for a two-week period beginning November 25, and ending December 8.

"Law enforcement officers in Michigan want motorists to know they are taking a strict stance on enforcement," said Tadarial Sturdivant, deputy director, Michigan State Police Uniform Services Bureau. "They will be looking for safety belt violations and issuing tickets."

Crawford County Sheriff Kirk Wakefield and Grayling Police Chief Karl Schreiner confirmed Sturdivant's statement and are urging everyone to buckle up because their officers will ticket anyone they observe violating the law.

Both agreed the stepped-up enforcement is a good way to remind people of the importance of seat belt usage and the need to have children properly restrained whether just driving across town, or across the state.

Increased safety belt use has been cited as a factor in decreasing traffic fatality rates. In 2001, 1,328 people were killed in traffic crashes in Michigan, down

from 1,386 in 1999. Research has found using lap/shoulder safety belts reduces the risk of fatal injury to front-seat car occupants by 45 percent.

"Without periodic, stepped-up enforcement campaigns, Michigan risks belt use sliding back to lower levels," reported Betty J. Mercer, Office of Highway Safety Planning (OHSP) division director. The highest level of safety belt use reached to date in Michigan is 83.5 percent in March 2000, when the new safety belt law went into effect. The state's goal is to reach 90 percent belt use by 2003.

The safety belt law requires all front seat occupants to buckle up. Passengers under age 16 must be buckled up, whether sitting in the front or back seat. Children under age four must be in an approved child safety seat, whether sitting in the front or back seat.

The "Click It or Ticket" Campaign is part of the Drive Michigan Safety Task Force, a collaborative effort between Michigan State Police, sheriff's departments and local police agencies coordinated by the Michigan Office of Highway Safety Planning. For more information, visit the OHSP web site at www.michigan.gov/msp.

Fireworks proposal gets support from city

► Council pledges \$3,000 per year for 3 years; township board undecided

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

With a unanimous vote last week, the Grayling City Council approved an increase in the city's contribution to Grayling's Fourth of July fireworks fund at the request of the organizer of the fireworks — the Grayling Youth Booster Club.

Three Booster Club members were present at last Tuesday's regular city council meeting. They explained that the club is in the process of working out a new three-year contract for the Independence Day fireworks and trying to set up a revised method of gathering the money necessary to put on the annual fireworks display.

In the past, the Booster Club has gone to local merchants for money to help pay for the fireworks operation, with mixed results with regard to donations.

"Last year was the first year we didn't lose money with the fireworks," said Rick Schmidt of the Booster Club.

This time around, the Booster Club is asking the City of Grayling and Grayling Township for \$3,000 per year (each) for the next three years, and offering to add another \$3,000 per year from its own bud-

get. If the city and township agree to the proposal, the Booster Club would no longer solicit area merchants for donations, Schmidt said.

The Booster Club members also noted that the club's purpose is to help fund activities that are specifically for local youth people, and they were considering getting out of the fireworks business altogether since it has been sapping money that could be used for youth activities.

"We're here for the kids," Schmidt said. "We were going to quit (the fireworks) completely."

For many years the City of Grayling contributed \$500 per year to the fireworks effort. Last year, at the request of the Booster Club, the city council increased its allocation to \$1,000 and said it would consider a larger donation, if asked.

"We see the crowds that are downtown (for the fireworks)," Councilman Brian Banda said at last Tuesday's meeting. "(The city) reaps a lot of the benefits of it."

"It's just a great thing for the community. If we're going to spend some additional money somewhere, this is a great place to do it," Banda said. "This is a cheap fireworks for the city. What happens if the Booster Club doesn't get this to go through? Three thousand dollars is pretty reasonable."

Banda moved to commit \$3,000 of city money for the Fourth of July

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FOOT NOTES

by Ronald K. Olm, D.P.M.

MORTON'S NEUROMA

When two bones in the feet rub together continuously, the sandwiched nerve becomes irritated and its coating thickens in response. The area between the third and fourth toes is most commonly stricken by this condition, called Morton's neuroma. Patients may feel gradual symptoms of burning, tingling, and cramping in the affected area. The pain has been described as a feeling of stepping on a lamp cord. Some patients experience pain that radiates to the ankle. Symptoms may become worse after extended periods of walking or standing. Morton's neuroma may be diagnosed with an X-ray, ultrasound, or magnetic resonance imaging (MRI). Treatment often involves orthotics to support the foot and reduce irritation, ultrasound therapy to reduce swelling, and medication for pain.

The first step in treating any foot problem is an accurate diagnosis. This requires a comprehensive history, physical exam, and, in some cases, X-rays and laboratory tests. Depend on it - whatever is causing your foot pain, whether it is injury or disease, a hereditary condition, or any number of ills that can plague the feet - you can count on **GRAND TRAVERSE FOOT & ANKLE CENTER, P.C.** for relief. We offer foot care for all members of your family at 1209 E. 8th Street, Traverse City. Please call us at 922-9100 & 800-968-7440 for an appointment. Offices in Traverse City, also Kalkaska Memorial Health Center Monday & Wednesday afternoons and evenings.

P.S. Surgery to remove or decompress a neuroma may be advised if non-surgical treatments fail.

GPA reaches out to special residents

by Cheryll Ruley
Staff Writer

The Grayling Promotional Association and its members have made it their mission for years to make a difference in their town, and with its citizens and visitors. On a recent chilly Saturday, members reached out to the residents of a Frederic extended care facility, brightening their day... and days to come.

About 15 GPA members bundled up, donned their outdoor work clothes and converged on Timberview Village, Old 27 north of Grayling, for some good, old fashion clean up of the facility's vegetable and flower gardens, much to the delight of those living there, and bringing tears the eyes of many.

Timberview Village owner/director, Barbara Selesky, said on October 25, about 15 cars "descended on Timberview, carrying members and their husbands." She said they brought shovels, rakes and wheelbarrows and completely revamped the perennial gardens. Then they cleaned up the vegetable garden and greenhouses, cut grass and cleaned up debris." Selesky called the work labor intensive and sorely needed.

It was officially "Make a Difference Day" in Michigan.

Selesky said the GPA members truly did make a big difference in the lives of Timberview residents, who have for many years enjoyed the benefits of gardening. "Many of these folks have been farmers and long time gardeners, growing their own food and enjoying the art of horticulture. But because of the frailty of our regular gardener, the plots and gardens have become overgrown and the residents miss spending time working in the dirt."

According to Selesky, many Timberview residents that day "clung to all those GPA members and got their hands down into the dirt. They have lived by the notion that 'many hands make for light work' and really enjoyed the team work."



A group of Grayling Promotional Association members made a huge difference in the lives of those who call Timberview Village home. They cleaned up the gardens, grounds and greenhouses and spent time with the residents, who can now plan their spring gardens.

In the past, Timberview residents have grown vegetables -- radishes, potatoes, lettuce, onions and peas -- which have gone on to win top honors at the Crawford County Fair. Selesky said the residents are now really looking forward to shopping from the seed catalogs and planning for next spring. Selesky said the health benefits from the activity as well as from the fresh produce, is the best thing for them.

"It was so wonderful for GPA members to choose us for their Make a Difference Day project," Selesky said. "It was fabulous. Because of their outreach -- a thing we should all do naturally and especially with our seniors -- and the sharing of personal time, the GPA has accomplished so much for the residents. They have allowed our people to continue gardening as they have done for 60 to 70 years."

After the clean up, GPA donated a new "butt can" to Timberview Village to help keep the grounds tidy and cigarette butt-free in the future.



Mary Jane Knibbs and Sherry Hanson were just two of a large group of GPA members to brave the cold and head up to Frederic where they spruced up the gardens at Timberview Village.

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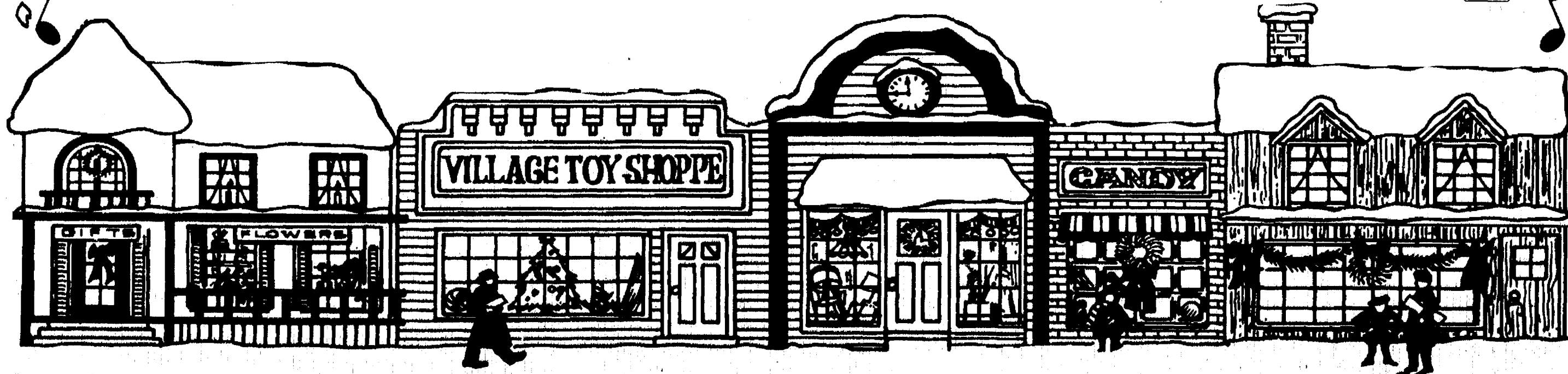
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City council vacancy filled

► Dennis Palmer selected out of five candidates for open seat on city board

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling City Council — one member short due to a recent resignation — filled its empty slot by making an appointment last Tuesday. Dennis Palmer, one of five applicants, was approved by the council with a 3-1 vote.

Council member Kathy Awiszus, who has moved to Florida, resigned from the board effective October 25. The council publicized the vacancy and received five applications.

The remaining four members of the city council interviewed the five applicants — Michele Butzin, Joe Ferrigan, Kim McClain, Dennis Palmer, and Tom Wellman — at a special meeting on Wednesday, November 6.

Interviews lasted 15 to 30 minutes each. Some questions asked were specific to the individual candidates, and some were repeated to each applicant. A few of the recurring questions included: "What is your vision of the city in 10 years?"; "What one thing would you change about the city?"; "How should the city approach industrial park development issues?"; and "Do you think the city should consider taking over operation of the airfield's civilian area?"



Dennis Palmer is sworn in by City Clerk Michele Moshier at last Tuesday's city council meeting after being appointed to fill a vacancy on the council.

After the interviews, the council tabled the appointment process until the next regular meeting.

At last Tuesday's council meeting, three of the five candidates were nominated to fill the vacancy.

First, Councilman Jerry Hayes moved to appoint Butzin. The

motion died due to lack of a second.

Councilman Roger Moshier then moved to appoint Wellman. Hayes provided support, but council members Dave Wyman and Brian Banda voted "no" on the motion. At 2-2, the motion failed.

Moshier then moved to appoint Palmer. Hayes provided a second,

and the motion passed 3-1.

Palmer, who also serves on the city's Planning Commission, was sworn in immediately, and participated in the remainder of the meeting as a council member.

Palmer will serve until the end of next year. The seat will be up for election in November 2003.

Photo courtesy of the City of Grayling

GHS Players to present 'Oklahoma!'

by Cheryl Ruley
Staff Writer

The Grayling High School Players will present the all-American musical, *Oklahoma!* November 21-23 in the Joseph Stripe Auditorium at the high school, not at the AuSable Primary School as previously stated. The curtain goes up each evening at 7:30 p.m. sharp.

This Rodgers and Hammerstein work has delighted audiences for over a half a century and the GHS Players are sure to continue the tra-

dition with comedy, romance, song and dance.

Under the direction of Andrea Binert, the cast is:

"Aunt Eller" — Stephanie Wakeley, "Curly" — Jesse Van Slyke, "Laurey" — Maeghan Corwin, "Jud Fry" — Cody Myers, "Will Parker" — Eric Hunter, "Ado Annie Carnes" — Lexi Bondar, "Ali Hakim" — Charles Peterson, "Gertie Cummings" — Andrea Dunckley, "Andrew Carnes" — Ben Lucey, "Ike Skidmore" — James Lawrence, "Cord Elam" — Tony Thomas,

"Fred" — Kyle Luce, "Slim" — Austin Andrus, and the Ladies Ensemble — Danielle Fedak, Summer Coe, Becky Ramaswamy, Jessica Wakeley, Chelsea Currison, and Amber Edgerton.

Student Directors are Maggie Van Guilder and Kristal Schallau, and a total of 65 students are involved in this production. Binert said she hopes the community will come out and support the drama program at GHS.

Tickets are on sale at Davis Jewelers on Michigan Avenue in

Grayling (open 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., Monday through Saturday) and should be available at the door each performance which is not sold out.

Prices are \$6 for adults and \$4 for students/senior citizens.

Tickets for Thursday evening's opening night performance are general admission, with no seating reservations. Tickets for Friday and Saturday evenings are reserved seating.

The spring play will also take place in the Stripe Auditorium.

Trash removal fees increase in Frederic

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Due to an increase in prices by Waste Management to Frederic Township, the cost of refuse removal for township residents will go up approximately three percent. According to Sandy Barber, Frederic Township Treasurer, the winter tax bills will show an

increase in refuse removal from \$15 to \$16 for unimproved properties and from \$90 to \$93 for improved properties. This charge is for refuse services from January 1, 2002 through December 31, 2002.

Barber also said that any tax payments mailed during the time the township offices are closed for the holidays (December 24 - January 5)

will be dated December 31, 2002, for income tax purposes.

Fireworks proposal gets support from city

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fireworks every year for the next three years. Councilman Dennis Palmer provided a second, and the motion passed 5-0.

On Wednesday of last week, the Booster Club took its proposal to the Grayling Township Board.

The club did not get a firm com-

mitment either way with regard to its request.

"We're expecting some really big budget cuts," Grayling Township Supervisor Terry Wright said on Thursday. "We told them we will have to get back to them in the spring" when the township works out its new budget.

Whether for feast or merriment, the Madrigal Dinner awaits all

The Grayling High School Choirs will present their Third Annual Madrigal Dinner events, bringing a taste of medieval times to northern Michigan on December 6-7.

Quickly becoming one of the holiday season's traditional must-attend events in Grayling, The Madrigal Dinner offers a feast fit for a king for a price even a peasant can afford, as well as a holiday journey back in time to "merry olde England," complete with court jesters and song.

On the menu will be wassail, field of greens salad, roasted beef, herbed roasted red potatoes, buttered beans, bread and butter, fruited cobbler, hot and cold drinks.

Two evenings are available from which to choose. Dinners will be held in the AuSable Primary School cafeteria. The merriment begins at

6:30 p.m. each evening.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$8 for children under 12 years of age. Tickets are available at Riverland Gear, 122 Michigan Avenue in Grayling.

For more information about this annual choir fund-raising event, call Karen Ross at 344-3575.

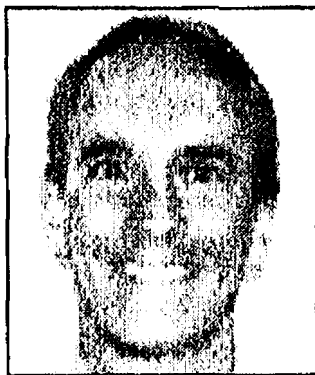
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OPINIONS



ALMANACK

by Dirk Milliman

Words from the editor

The editor of my local daily newspaper spoke at my Rotary club this week.

He had some interesting things to say.

For background, "my" Rotary club is in East Lansing. I joined the club when my family owned the weekly newspaper in town. We have since sold that newspaper, but I remain a member of the East Lansing club.

And by "my" daily newspaper I mean the *Lansing State Journal*. It is the big, daily morning paper that covers the town in which I reside. It is "my" paper in the sense that I read it every day and it covers things of interest in my neighborhood. Not "my" local daily newspaper in terms of any financial interest or ownership.

Although that would be nice...

Anyway, the *Lansing State Journal* editor is the new guy. He is here to make changes. He gave his talk about all the things the paper had been, was, and would be doing to give us, the readers, a better product.

I was interested to hear what he had to say. After all, I've been on his side of so many of those talks myself, as the giver of information from the newspaper's point of view.

One of my first times was on a live, 30 minute radio show. At that time, I was the new guy. I was the one making those changes. I was telling those listening all the things the paper had been, was, and would be doing to give them, the readers, a better product.

And when I was done plotting the future for all my readers, the questions came in hot and heavy. They began with "why do my hands get black when I read the paper?" They ended with "why did we leave out the horoscope column yesterday?" How were my readers supposed to plan their day without the horoscope?

So I could feel for the new guy.

But hearing him speak, sitting in the audience and listening as a customer, a con-

sumer of the local newspaper, it helped me to remember so many things about this business that we in this business too often take for granted.

He told us that the newspaper is a business. It's true. We need to make money to survive. Just like the grocery store, the hardware store, the restaurant. It's not about how much news we can cover. That's secondary, only available after making sure we operate as a viable business entity, able to pay our bills, our employees, our taxes. First and foremost, we are a business.

He said everyone in the community seems to have an opinion about their newspaper. That's true. But why is that? People don't feel that same passion about their local radio station, their local shopping guide, their local television station -- if they have one. But everyone seems to have an opinion about "their" paper. They know what should be in it. They know what is missing. They know that their kid's picture was not

in, but some other kid's picture was. They disagree with positions we take on our opinion pages, and they don't hesitate to tell us about it.

That's one of those things that just happens in our business. I'm not sure why people care so much about their newspaper. I'm just glad they do.

He said it is because our words are out there in print in every edition. They are there for everyone to see, to read at their leisure, to scan again and again if necessary.

But he also said that newspapers are the recorder of history. We write about it when someone is born, and when someone dies. And in between, we write about the events of their lives. We cover them in school activities, their college graduation, their job promotions, their engagement and wedding, and then the births of their children, and their accomplishments...

He said that our grandchildren would learn about our lives by what we write and

put into our newspapers today.

I hope he's right. I hope newspapers take the responsibility to chronicle today's events seriously. We need to. We are a permanent, written record of history. That's part of our job.

I enjoyed listening to the new editor. Listening to him, he made me realize one important fact:

This is your newspaper. The editor shouldn't be telling you what will be in your newspaper. You should be telling us what you want to see in your newspaper.

So please do.

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Dirk Milliman is President of Milliman Communications. He is filling in for his father, who is vacationing and will return in the near future.

Personal debt need not be part of after-holiday stress

According to a survey conducted by a major credit card company, 57 percent of shoppers will use credit cards to pay for holiday purchases. With last year's registered holiday sales at \$201 billion, that amounts to quite a bit of holiday debt.

To make the fond memories of this year's holiday experiences last well into 2003, GreenPath Debt Solutions, a non-profit credit counseling agency, recommends planning out a holiday shopping strategy before hitting the stores.

Plan ahead

- Know what gifts you are looking for and how much you want to spend before you go shopping. Browsing without a plan can lead to buying more than you really need.

- Begin putting away a small amount once a week or every paycheck for next year's holiday budget. If you are not disciplined enough to save on your own, you might consider joining a Christmas club account. Many local credit unions and banks offer this program and money from your paycheck can be automatically deposited into the account.

Establish a budget

- Figure out exactly how much money you can afford to spend on your holiday traditions. Gifts will be significant amount of your budget, but don't forget items such as travel expenses, food, decorations, cards, wrapping paper and charitable donations. These can add up fast.

- Use cash, checks or debit. This way, you know you have the money and you won't have to worry about the dreaded credit card statements in January.

- Earn extra cash. Taking on a part time job or working overtime at your current job are a couple ways to earn extra spending money for the holiday season.

Shop smart

- Make a list. Write a gift-giving list and then disseminate the money you have budgeted for Christmas gifts. You might decide this year you can only afford to send Christmas cards to some people on your list. Instead of buying gifts for some of your friends, consider making a special batch of holiday cookies or candy.

- Get creative. Recommend drawing names between a group of family or friends instead of buying a gift for everyone. If you are crafty or handy, try making some of your gifts. Even IOUs and handmade coupons to baby-sit or mow the lawn can be treasured gifts.

- Avoid "buy now, pay later" promotions. These type of offers sound good in the short term, but read the fine print because interest rates are typically extremely high.

- Keep track! Use a check register to enter all your transactions for holiday shopping. This will help you plan and budget for next year.

For additional assistance with your holiday shopping budget, call GreenPath Debt Solutions toll-free at 1-866-648-8122 to receive a free holiday shopping planner. Counselors can also help answer any budgeting or money management questions free of charge.

Established in 1961, GreenPath Debt Solutions is also known as Consumer Credit Counseling Service. The non-profit company provides customer-focused debt management solutions and financial education programs, enabling people to enjoy a better quality of life.

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EDITOR

Voice of the people should still matter

To the editor,

Brian Anderson, with all his experience and knowledge, just doesn't get it! The Crawford County Commissioners, the Grayling Township Board, the Frederic Township Board, the Kalkaska County Commissioners, and the Bear Lake Township Board -- all representatives of the people -- have said "No" to designating the Manistee River a Natural River!

Anderson plays with words -- twisting and turning them to fit his needs. The DNR (Department of Natural Resources) representative at the Grayling informational meeting did, indeed, state that the DNR would want to be present at zoning board hearings and would reserve the right to veto any actions the DNR did not approve. What may or may not have happened at previous meetings Anderson attended does not reflect what was stated at September's meeting.

I lived near the Clinton River for over 30 years. Not once did I ever hear anyone mention they fished the Clinton for trout! However, bank and boat fishermen do take fish from the river. Recreational activities abound on the Clinton. Summer concerts in Mount Clemens are enjoyed by families sitting on blankets and in lawn chairs placed on the high banks. Does this sound like the "warm,

open sewer" Anderson described in his first letter?

Anderson asserts that we should accept Natural River designation because the DNR would be able to assist our local governments if zoning violations occurred. Our local governments are already on record as being opposed to Natural River designation -- they have said "No!" The DNR, in my estimation, can't do the job now.

Presently, the Upper Manistee River Association (UMRA) is paying the DNR for services of officers at canoeist's departure points. However, few tickets have been written for violations. Who would believe that the DNR is going to be more vigilant pursuing canoeists, or anyone for that matter, in violation of zoning ordinances under Natural River designation?

We are being asked, as my grandfather would have said, "to buy a pig in a poke." We are being asked to accept an incomplete plan that is already flawed. We have no assurances that changes or additions will be made in this draft that would meet with the public's approval. This is still a democracy and the collective voice of the people should still be what matters.

Juanita Wennerstrom

Grayling

(On the upper Manistee River)

Just what about 'no' don't you understand?

To the editor,

Attn: Brian Anderson:
Just what don't you understand? The answer is "No." Those of us who have property on the Manistee River do not want the State of Michigan telling us what to do with our property. We do not want the state to be our "partner." We've had enough of State rules and regulations.

We do not want the DNR to assist our local government. We want our local government to do their job.

Not the DNR, not the State!

You make statements about lax zoning restrictions that do not exist.

Mr. Anderson, if you've got a problem with the zoning in your area, take it to your Zoning Board. Don't take it to the State. If you've got a problem with your Zoning Board, make it your business to get appointed.

Betty Bennett

Hibanks on the Manistee

Grayling

State office candidates received poor coverage

To the editor,

Richard Milliman's "Almanack" column of November 7 gives more credit to the newspapers than they deserve in regards to covering political candidates.

In the recent election, state representative candidates and state senate candidates were poorly covered by the *Avalanche*. The biases of the *Avalanche* are apparent in what they do not cover. Grayling state representative candidates received favored coverage in the *Avalanche*.

On the other hand, the *Alpena News* gave incomplete coverage, except that all candidates covered with closely the same amount of space, and each received a candidacy announcement article. The *Avalanche* ignored some of the candidates because they were not from Grayling.

Neither newspaper covered the political action committees

and major wealthy individuals behind the candidates. There were clear agendas behind the candidates' major financial backers.

Newspapers need to take more responsibility for covering politics and government, since newspapers are the only business enterprise with direct benefit of a constitutional article, the freedom of the press.

Mark Hunter

Alpena

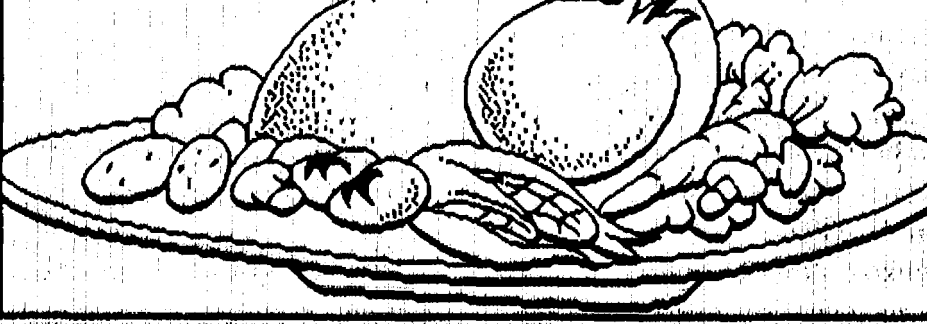
Editor's note: Mark Hunter was featured, along with three other out-of-town Republican candidates, in an article published July 11. While it is true articles concerning "home-grown" candidates tend to be of more interest to our readers, plus records the history of local people, the Crawford County Avalanche in no way meant to convey favoritism toward any one candidate and without regard for residency.

Early Deadlines! Avalanche publishing early for Thanksgiving holiday!

The Crawford County Avalanche will publish on Tuesday, Nov. 26 so newsstand buyers and our local subscribers will receive the issue before the Thanksgiving holiday.

The deadline for all display ads is 5 pm Thursday, Nov. 21, to be considered for the Nov. 28th issue. Community news items and classified display ads must be turned in by noon Friday, Nov. 22. Classified ads by the word must be turned in by noon, Monday, Nov. 25.

The Avalanche will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, and reopen at 9 am Friday, Nov. 29



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Check us out on the Internet at www.townnews.com/avalanche/

Editor's note: Both sides of the Natural River designation topic have been aired in the pages of the Crawford County Avalanche, therefore we will not be accepting any more letters on that subject at this time. As always, we welcome the opportunity to allow our readers' voices to be heard on many subjects.

BRIEFS

Reserve Thanksgiving dinner delivery

Reservations are now being taken for home delivery of the free 9th Annual Crawford AuSable Community Thanksgiving Dinner on Thursday, November 28, from 12 noon to 2 p.m. Call Sally Golnick at 348-9418 (note corrected phone number) to arrange for delivery, or come to the Knights of Columbus Hall on Norway Street in Grayling that afternoon. Donations to cover the cost of the meal are welcome at the door or by mail to: Crawford AuSable Thanksgiving, P.O. Box 44, Grayling, MI 49738.

Library offers two events this week

The Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, located at 201 Plum Street in Grayling, is asking Lego® enthusiasts to bring their Legos to design craft for cruising or racing the AuSable River on Thursday, November 21 at 3:30 p.m. Models of AuSable River Boats are welcome, racing canoes, too. Judging and prizes will be awarded that afternoon. Also, a Genealogy Meeting will be held Friday, November 22, featuring Don Palmer talking about Masonic genealogy resources. Library staff will also assist using the Ancestry.com database available at all Michigan public libraries. Bring in names and dates to look up. Events are free of charge. Call 348-9214 for more information.

Eagles Auxiliary hosts Craft & Bake Sale

The Grayling Eagles Auxiliary will host its 12th Annual Craft & Bake Sale on Saturday, November 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Eagles Hall in Grayling. Lunch will be available. Rent a table for \$10 each; space is still available. Included will be a Kids Shopping Corner with holiday gifts only kids can afford. For more information, call Anne Marie at 348-1106.

Home Shopper's Showcase is coming

The public is invited to attend the 1st Annual Home Shopper's Showcase on Saturday, November 23, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church in Grayling. Representatives from many home-based businesses, including Arbonne, Avon, Country Peddler, Creative Memories, Discovery Toys, Fuller Brush, Home and Garden, Home Interiors and Gifts, Longaberger Baskets, Mary Kay, Pampered Chef, PartyLite, Petra Fashions, Princess House, Scrap In A Snap, Tupperware, Watkins, Weekender Clothing and more. A soup and sandwich luncheon and a bake sale will be offered. Prizes will be given away every hour and admission is free.

Church hosts Hunter's Spaghetti Dinner

St. Francis Episcopal Church, at 6441 M-72 West in Grayling, will host a Hunter's Spaghetti Dinner on Saturday, November 23, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Menu will include all-you-can-eat spaghetti, garlic bread and salad, with choice of drink. Proceeds to fund a new roof for the parish. Minimum donation is \$5 per person. For more information, call 348-5850.

Secretary of State closes for holiday

All branches of the Michigan Secretary of State's Office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 28-29, for the Thanksgiving holiday and will reopen Monday, December 2 for regular business hours.

Animal Shelter selling games, baskets

Anyone who missed the Christmas Walk may want to stop by the Eagles Auxiliary Craft Show where the Animal Shelter of Crawford County will be selling gift baskets for dogs and cats, Creature Comfort Cookbooks, fun, educational board games (Made in the U.S.A.) - Dog-Opoly, Cat-Opoly, Wild Animal-Opoly and Ocean-Opoly, and much more. For more information, or if unable to get to the Eagles Hall, and wish to purchase any of the above, call Cheryl at 348-6811 or 348-1429. All proceeds go to care for homeless dogs and cats, puppies and kittens at the shelter.

Choir Boosters to meet next week

A Choir Boosters meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 25 in the Grayling Middle School Band Room at 6 p.m. The upcoming Madrigal Dinner will be discussed. Costumes will be picked up on November 26.

Firemen to host trolley ride to the Mall

No need to drive or worry about parking... the new Fireman's Memorial Trolley will be headed to the Grand Traverse Mall on Tuesday, December 3. The trolley will pick up at the Glen's Market parking lot in Roscommon at 8 a.m. and the Glen's Market parking lot in Grayling at 8:30 a.m., and return to Grayling at 5 p.m. and Roscommon at 5:30 p.m. Cost is \$10 per person; reserve a seat by calling 344-8787. Each rider will receive a Mall "goodie bag" of savings.

Nominations now open for environmental awards

Huron Pines Resource Conservation and Development Area Council (Huron Pines RC&D) is now accepting nominations for the 8th Annual O.B. Eustis Award.

This award is named for the late O.B. Eustis because his work was an excellent example of balancing environmental and economic concerns. He was widely known and respected as an industrialist, an environmentalist, and a nature columnist.

Any citizen of northeast Michigan is invited to submit nominations.

The purpose of the award is to recognize environmental excellence

and highlight positive ideas that have been successful in advancing the environment of northeast Michigan. Huron Pines RC&D is a non-profit organization that works with local communities and units of government to promote wise use and development of the area's resources.

The winners will be recognized at the Annual Meeting of Huron Pines RC&D on February 1, 2003. There are winners each year in three categories: Individuals, Companies, and Organizations.

The nominees come from an 11-county region including Alcona, Alpena, Cheboygan, Crawford,

Conservation photo contest deadline near

The deadline for the 2002 Amateur Photo Contest, sponsored annually by the Crawford-Roscommon Conservation District, is December 2.

The contest is open to anyone of any age, but photo(s) must be taken in Crawford or Roscommon counties. They may be color or black and white. Only one photo may be entered per category, but entries may be made in more than one category. A limit of one prize per person is allowed.

Categories are: Floral, Forestry, Landscapes, Recreation, and Wildlife. Photos will be on display

and judged during the 2003 Annual Open House on January 29.

Prizes are gift certificates for items for sale in the conservation district office.

All programs and services of the Conservation District are offered on a non-discriminatory basis, without regard to race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, marital status or handicap.

For more information and an entry form, contact the office in the CRAF Center at 606 Lake Street in Roscommon, call (989) 275-5231, fax (989) 275-3170, or e-mail: barbstaufer@mi.nacnet.org.

CASD program featured on TV this week

The Crawford AuSable School District's (CASD) elementary math program will be featured on TV 9 & 10 November 20 - 22, on both the morning and evening news broadcasts.

Correspondent Amy Lynn visited second and fifth grade classrooms and interviewed math consultant June Savoie.

Savoie is a certified trainer for the Everyday Math program being used

throughout the district. She has conducted professional development activities for the district's elementary teachers on the program because it approaches math differently than the traditional methods.

A separate interview with Savoie will air November 25.

Lynn said she had never had as good an education about a math program as the one she received from Savoie.

American Red Cross to sell first aid kits again this year

The Northern Lower Michigan Chapter of the American Red Cross will be selling Home and Travel First Aid Kits again this year for Christmas. The Chapter sold the kits at this time last year as a gift idea for the family, friends, work, car, or boat. The response was fantastic to say the least reports Preston Long Health & Safety Director.

The goal is to get a good first aid kit in the hands of as many residents of Northern Lower Michigan as possible. The kit contains over 75 first aid items and is one of the most

comprehensive kits on the market today. It features clearly marked sections for various first aid supplies and includes unique items such as poison ivy treatment and disposable thermometers. It comes in a padded water resistant soft bag with handy carrying handles.

The price of the kit is \$15 plus shipping and handling, if necessary. If you would like to order one or more kits you can contact the Alpena, Gaylord or Petoskey Red Cross offices or call 1-800-691-6059.

Learn to avoid 'Bear Market' mistakes with free program

Kurt Loll, the Edward Jones investment representative in Grayling, will host a free educational program on Tuesday, November 26 on common investing mistakes and ways to invest during a market downturn.

"While weathering a volatile market is never easy, it doesn't have to stop investors from making progress toward their financial goals," Loll said.

The program is scheduled to take place at 7 p.m. on November 26 at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library, located at 201 Plum Street in Grayling, adjacent to the AuSable Primary School.

For more information, or to reserve a seat for the program, call

Kim Millikin at 348-6964. Additional viewing opportunities of the program may be made available for those unable to attend Tuesday evening.

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Tibetan monks to visit Kirtland on November 25

A group of Tibetan monks will visit Kirtland Community College on Monday, November 25, to enlighten northern Michiganders regarding the ideas and concepts of Buddhism.

"The group is coming straight from Tibet," said Tatyana Puchkova, Kirtland's director of international programs. "They have

been in huge demand around the United States, and we're just lucky they have found one day in their busy schedule to come to Kirtland.

"This gives us a truly unique opportunity to learn about perhaps the least understood religion, the most remote and isolated area of the world and the best preserved culture straight from the source."

The presentation, which is open to the public, will be at 12 noon in Room 136 of the Administration Building.

It will consist of a 15-20 minute long blessing ceremony and a 40-minute lecture, followed by a question and answer session.

For more information, phone (989) 275-5000, ext. 394.

The Bible Speaks

Terrorist Planning

Every American should read American Jihad, The Terrorists Living Among Us written by Steven Emerson. He has earned our respect as our nation's leading expert on Islamic terrorism. It was Emerson we quoted about an imminent terrorist attack on America 18 months before the horror of September 11th. He warned America to "get ready for twenty World Trade Center bombings" back in June of 1997. It only took two. He tried to warn our leaders but they didn't believe him. He began gathering details of the terrorist plans back in 1992 when he sneaked into a meeting of Muslim leaders in Oklahoma City. He heard the preaching of violent and urging of jihad against "the Jews and the West." He heard the spontaneous shouts from the excited crowd, "Kill the Jews" and "Destroy the West."

In 1993 he attended a Muslim conference in Detroit and "was startled to hear that a senior FBI agent from the Detroit office would be making an unscheduled appearance on the program. Later when Emerson contacted FBI officials in Washington and ask if they knew "that their Detroit colleague had spoken at this radical gathering" they assured him "it was impossible." Hours later they called back explaining that he had only gone there by mistake "thinking it was 'some kind of Rotary Club.'" Right?

Emerson has probably the largest database of terrorist information in the

world. He has gathered over 6,000 hours of video and audiotapes of evidence. He has mapped terrorist bases in 30 American cities. Since we live in Michigan, We will share his identity of Muslim groups in Detroit include Al Gam,at at Islamiyya and Muslim Brotherhood of Egypt, Hizballah of Iran, and Hamas of Palestine. For some reason he left out the Nation of Islam founded in Detroit by Black Muslims.

Because of threats on his life Emerson and his family have been forced to live in seclusion, but he refuses to be silenced by intimidation. He has traced the names, dates, locations, quotes, acts and networking of terrorists working around the World. He gives information on Wadil el-Hage as Osama bin Laden's personal secretary; Khalil Zinyad, a procurement agent for bin Laden, and Ali Mohammed a special-operations man for bin Laden. All 3 were living in the U.S. at some time. He shows how this global terrorist network has used American freedom and tolerance to organize and expand right under our nose. Emerson says the terrorist network is "sustained by its ideological adhesion. Islamism is the fuel that fires the group and the glue that holds it together."

Emerson reminds us that today there are 1,200 mosques in the U.S. (Islam is the fastest growing religion in America.) The vast majority of the mosques are built with Saudi Arabian

money. And militant Islamic extremists have taken control of "more than 80 per cent of the mosques" in the U.S.A.

Islamic violence is being deliberately restrained within America for now as they grow. It is wrong to judge all Muslims in America as radical terrorists. Many remain fearful and silent because of terrorist intimidation. They need love and truth. Only truth can free them from deception. Only God's love in Jesus Christ can give true peace and eternal life. (John 3:16). Share your faith and help save America! Pastor "B"

Please pray for God's blessings upon the ministry of this column and our church Website at <http://www.i2k.net/cba>. We at Calvary Baptist Church invite you to learn more from the Bible about Jesus Christ. Join us in a verse by verse study of the gospel of John each Sunday.

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Help make Christmas merry for children around the world

A Traverse City church will serve as a drop-off site for the children's Christmas project, through which participants fill shoe boxes with toys, candy, school supplies and necessity items to be delivered to underprivileged children all over the world.

Church of the Living God, 1514 Birmley Road in Traverse City, will serve as a 2002 Collection Center for Operation Christmas Child, including collections from Grayling.

This is the Traverse City area's third year as a collection center to collect gift-filled shoe boxes. Last year, more than 10,000 shoe box gifts were collected by residents of the Traverse City community.

Shoe boxes will be received from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., November 18 - 25, -- national Operation Christmas Child collection week. Other area drop-off sites will be located in Grayling, Roscommon, Gaylord,

Kalkaska, and many more. For more information, call 1-800-396-8042.

While the collection isn't until late-November, volunteers are needed now to help prepare for the thousands of shoe boxes expected to be donated from area residents. In fact, the Traverse City area's goal for 2002 is 13,000, said Gordon McAllister, a Traverse City resident who is volunteering as the area coordinator.

"We are hoping even more people will get involved with Operation Christmas Child this year," McAllister said. "This project is a blessing to everyone. It is about reaching out to children; that is the main thing."

Last year, more than 5.4 million shoe boxes were collected worldwide and delivered to kids in far-away lands where terrorism, war, famine, illness, and natural disaster are part of life. A project of

Samaritan's Purse, an international Christian relief organization, Operation Christmas Child has delivered more than 18 million shoe box gifts to children in 112 countries.

Based in Boone, N.C., and headed by Franklin Graham, son of evangelist Billy Graham, Samaritan's Purse works in some 100 countries around the world, helping victims of disaster, war, poverty, disease, famine, and persecution. In 2001 and 2000, Samaritan's Purse was recognized by SmartMoney magazine as the most efficient religious charity in the United States.

For more information on how to participate in the Traverse City area -- through volunteering or through filling a shoe box -- call toll-free 1-800-396-8042. For free materials on Operation Christmas Child, call toll-free 1-800-353-5949 or visit www.samaritanaspurse.org.

RAFFLE WINNERS

Grayling Rotary Pot of Gold

Winners for the month of November are: \$100 - Butch Brown, \$50 - Nancy Moore, and \$25 - Becky Latusek.

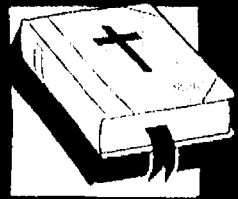
Grayling Youth Booster Club

Week ending November 10 - \$25 each - Ron Rakoczy, Clarence Bryans, John Haynes, and Clyde Fisher.

Animal Shelter of Crawford County

The winner of the November 17 drawing for a Huge Christmas Gift Basket is Deanne Vance of Grayling.

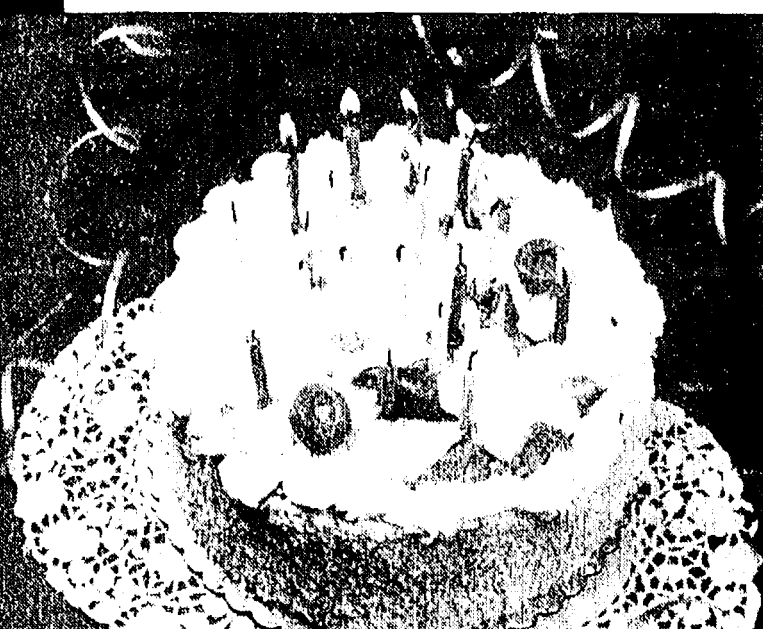
Faith in God's Gifts



It was Sharon's birthday, but no one had said a word. She knew her co-workers remembered, but it was nearly time to go home. She was absorbed in her work when, suddenly, Sharon sensed a movement beside her...and there it was...a beautiful birthday cake ablaze with candles! "Thank you so much", she exclaimed as bright tears reflected the candles. "Thank you for remembering my birthday!"

Do you sometimes feel forgotten, even by those closest to you? God always remembers you. You need only to believe in His plan and have faith in your Creator. God tells us in Jeremiah 29:11... "For I know the plans I have for you...to give you a future and a hope."

Worship God this week. Learn more of His plans for you.



SUNDAY
1 Timothy 4:1-16
MONDAY
2 Corinthians 8:1-15
TUESDAY
2 Corinthians 8:16-24
WEDNESDAY
2 Corinthians 9:1-15
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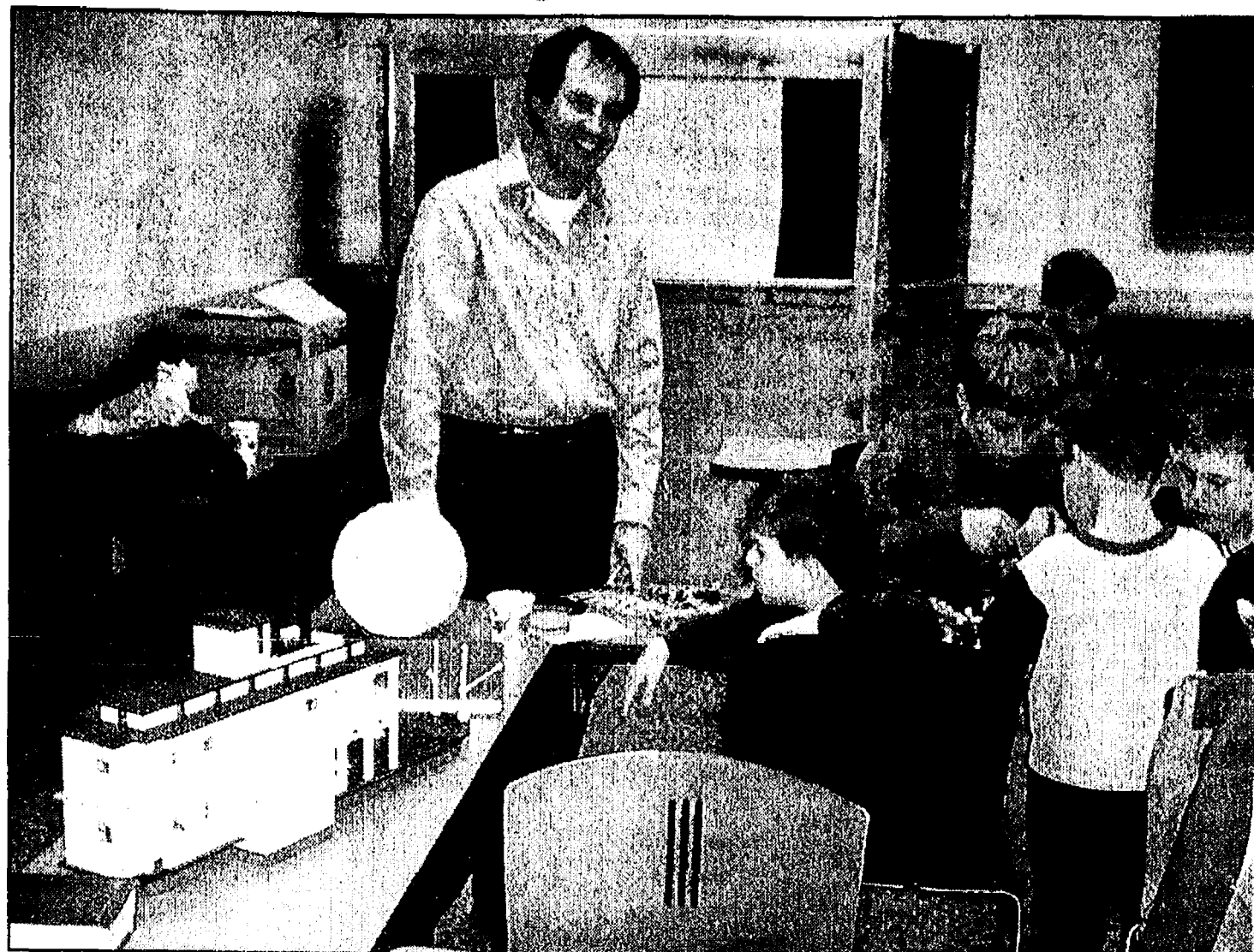
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Last week, the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library hosted Lego® Master Model Builder Kurt Zimmerle (standing) who shared some of his experiences working for Lego® and the many designs he has created with the young Lego® maniacs who have been attending. His work has been in toy stores around the country and some are on permanent display at Disney World in Florida. He created a Lego® paddle boat just for the occasion and it can be seen in the display case at the library along with the current entries in the design contest.

Addition to fire station gets the go-ahead

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Fire Chief Doug Pratt gave the Frederic Township Board the six bids he had received for the new fire department building which will house the brush truck and ambulances, along with other fire department equipment. After looking over the bids the Board decided to accept the bid from Advanced

Structural Insulated Panel Inc. of Grayling (ASIP North) to build a panel building.

Doug Pratt said he was assured by ASIP North that construction on the building would begin no later than November 18. The building was supposed to be completed within 14 days but Pratt has since learned there is a two week wait on the trusses, so construction will be

delayed.

At the same meeting, Milltown Electric, of Grayling, won the contract for the electrical work in the new building.

The money for the building came from two sources - money that had been set aside to replace an ambulance and a low-interest two year loan is being taken out for the balance.

The use of the ambulance fund money will cause a delay in the purchase of a new ambulance but Pratt said it was very important to have all equipment stored indoors. He also said when the time comes the department might lease an ambulance to increase the department's ability to handle major accidents or disasters, and to accommodate personnel.

Frederic Township cracking down on zone violators

by Susan Warrington
Staff Writer

Although Frederic Township Zoning Administrator Doug Pratt has been busy following up on many zoning violations, several members of the audience at the November Frederic Township Board meeting wanted him to do more.

Specifically, they wanted him to start cracking down on the many cases of multiple campers on improved property (only one camper

is allowed) and to start working on the relatively new ordinance which prohibits any campers on unimproved lots from December 1 through April 1.

At an earlier meeting, Pratt had asked the Board whether they wanted him to concentrate on specific types of zoning violations or whether they wanted him to try to attack all fronts at once.

They said, since he was the only one working on the violations, he

should concentrate on the worst cases first - those with health and fire hazards. When those cases were more or less under control, then he could start working on the remaining cases.

One member of the audience said they had complained six weeks ago about a situation regarding several campers on nearby property. They said the campers have been there for at least four years and there is now an extension cord running into the

bus on the property.

After listening to the complaints of several audience members, the board instructed Pratt to begin the paper trail and send letters to violators of the "trailer" ordinance telling them to clean up their property or there might a court case that could result in a forced clean-up and a lien on their property in the not too distant future.

**Early Deadlines set
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Strep throat cases flaring up in Crawford County

It's that time of year again, when upper respiratory infections seem to be all around us. Sue Lucksted, Public Health Nurse at the Crawford County Office of District Health Department #10, reports that strep throat has been a problem in local schools this fall, affecting both students and staff.

Most throat infections are caused by viruses, but strep throat is caused by bacteria. The specific bacteria that causes strep throat is *Streptococcus pyogenes*.

Strep throat spreads from person to person by direct contact with the saliva droplets or nasal fluid of someone who is infected with the bacteria. Children are more likely to get strep throat than adults, because they interact so closely with one another and often have difficulty keeping up with proper handwash-

ing.

Usually people with strep throat have a fever and very sore throat that come on suddenly. They may have a runny nose and headache, but usually do not have a cough or stuffy nose. Children with strep throat often complain of tummy pain and may have nausea and vomiting.

Having a sore throat does not always mean that a person has strep throat. A sore throat can be caused by a cold or other virus, or another health problem. Your doctor or other healthcare provider can run a test to find out whether you have strep throat.

Healthcare providers use a swab to gather material from the back of your throat, then test it to see if it is strep. This is an important step in deciding whether or not you should be prescribed antibiotic medicine.

Most throat infections are not related to this bacteria, and do not warrant antibiotic therapy. Strep throat is easily treated with antibiotics, but only if the antibiotic medicine is taken for the length of time specified on the prescription.

"While antibiotics may make you feel better within a few days, it is very important to continue to take the medicine as it is prescribed until it is gone," said Lucksted. "If you are not careful to take antibiotic medicine as the doctor prescribed it, your symptoms could come back."

Nurse Lucksted stresses that one of the most important things people can do to protect themselves from catching viruses like colds or flu, and bacterial illnesses like strep throat, is to practice good handwashing techniques.

While antibacterial soaps are advertised as being superior, any kind of soap will do a good job of cleaning your hands. The trick is to use water that is good and warm, but not so hot you can't stand it. Lather up your hands to the wrist, and rub your soapy hands together briskly for 20 seconds, taking care to clean under your fingernails. Rinse thoroughly, and dry your hands with a clean towel or paper towel.

Always wash your hands before you eat, after sneezing or coughing, and after having contact with someone who is ill with an upper respiratory infection, like a cold, flu, or strep throat.

For more information about strep throat or other upper respiratory illnesses, call the Crawford County office of District Health Department #10 at (989) 348-7800.

Jazz heats up library



Nearly 40 people attended the Allen Bondar and Friends Jazz Fest at the Devereaux Memorial Crawford County Library last Thursday. Allen Bondar (shown), Diane Chamberlin, Mike Hatfield, Leo Dombecki, and Logan Moore put on a great show for everyone. The audience even had a chance to get involved by playing the tambourine as it was passed around. Two local students took center stage briefly, one to play her clarinet and the other to sing a song. Watch for more live music at the library next year.

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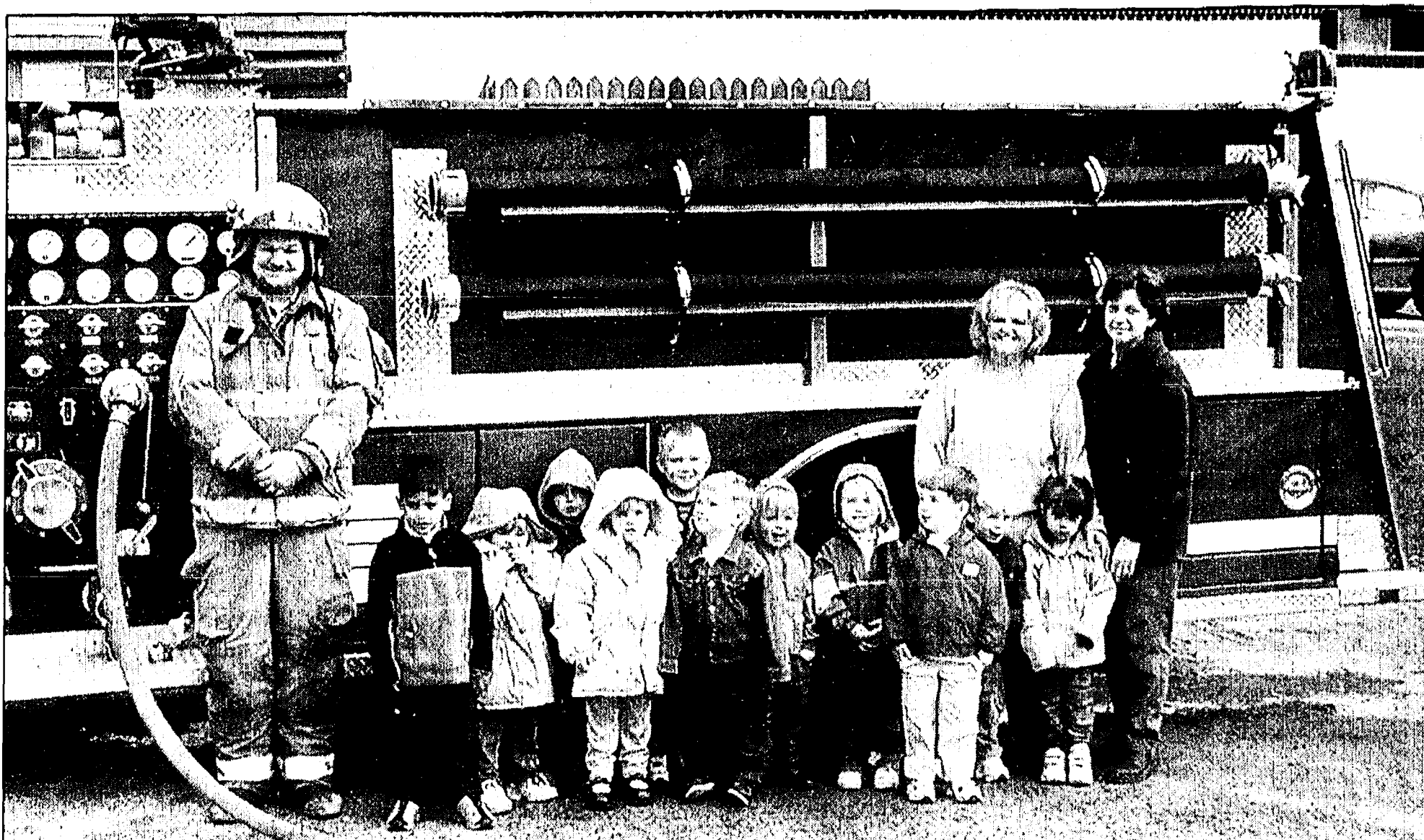


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Last month, Grayling fire fighter, Travis Roberts, taught the Grayling Co-Op Preschool class of three-year old students about how a real fire truck works. He also explained the importance of fire safety and what to do in the case of an emergency as part of the Grayling City and Township Fire Department's community education programs.

MILITARY NEWS

Navy Seaman Mike L. Stein, a 2001 graduate of Grayling High School, recently visited the city port of Naples, Italy while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS George Washington, home ported in Norfolk, Virginia.

Stein is one of more than 10,000 Atlantic Fleet Sailors and Marines aboard the ships of the USS

George Washington Carrier Group Battle Group and USS Nassau Amphibious Ready Group.

Volunteers from Stein's ship spent time helping the Sisters of Charity clean a soup kitchen before helping to prepare and serve meals. Sailors also had the opportunity to shop, sightsee and enjoy the local culture and cuisine.

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Dept. of Ag. warns: Keep your ash downstate

► Exotic insect attacks ash trees, firewood being transported north

Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) officials have issued an urgent reminder to south-east Michigan residents, vacationers and hunters who travel to cabins up north or other destinations and regions of the state: "Do not transport ash firewood or move ash trees and product outside of the area."

The Emerald Ash Borer, an exotic pest from Asia that has been detected in Livingston, Macomb, Monroe, Oakland, Washtenaw and Wayne counties, has already killed or damaged millions of ash trees in this six-county area.

The borer belongs to a group of insects known as metallic wood-boring beetles and is not native to

Michigan or anywhere in the United States. The known host range of the Emerald Ash Borer is limited to species of ash trees (identified by their distinctive leaves, which are located directly across from each other on the leaf stem). In Michigan, most ash are white, black or green ash.

To prevent and control the spread of the borer, the MDA earlier this year issued a quarantine on all ash trees and products in the affected counties. Under this quarantine, it is illegal to move ash trees, branches, lumber, firewood and wood chips larger than one inch in diameter outside these six counties.

"It is vitally important that south-east Michigan residents are aware of this threat and are doing their part to help the state limit the spread of this new and devastating ash tree pest," said MDA Director Dan Wyant.

He added, firewood may appear healthy and not visibly infested but may carry the Emerald Ash Borer

Those who have moved ash up north, are advised to burn it completely and report it to the MDA.



larvae in its dormant stage. "Don't be responsible for the spread of this devastating pest by moving ash trees and products outside of these affected counties or by taking firewood on vacation with you," Wyant advised.

Travelers who realize they have inadvertently moved firewood out of this area, are advised to burn it completely and report it via the state's toll-free Emerald Ash Borer hotline at 1-866-325-0023. Additionally, if the type of firewood is unknown, the travelers are asked not to move it.

Brochures and posters are being distributed and public service

announcements are being aired around Michigan concerning the Emerald Ash Borer. A task force has also been established to handle inquiries, complaints, damage control, and the eradication of the pest.

For more information, visit www.michigan.gov/mda and use the key word "ash borer." To report any signs of dying ash trees, especially outside the six-county quarantined area, call the state's toll-free line listed above.

For assistance with identification, diagnosis and recommendations regarding pests like the Emerald Ash Borer, contact your local Michigan State University (MSU) Extension Office or the MSU Plant Diagnostic Services at (517) 355-4536 or visit www.cips.msu.edu/diagnostics/.

The Crawford County MSU Extension office can be reached at (989) 344-3264 and is located in the basement of the county building.

Internet adds new venue for Social Security scams

Too many Americans are victimized by misleading advertisers who try to charge unnecessary fees for "Social Security" or "Medicare" services, said Sue Soderberg, Traverse City Social Security Administration Manager.

"No one should be paying middlemen for Social Security services that are free," she said. "While misleading advertising schemes have been around for many years, the Internet adds a new dimension to the problem."


Soderberg said people may go onto the Internet and use a search engine to find Social Security information. A long list of web sites will usually come up, and not all of them lead back to the Social Security Administration. Some, she said, lead straight to a private firm seeking to make money using a similar sounding name.

She cited the case of a New York City certified public accountant who was arrested for operating a web site that charged \$11.95 for an online

Social Security card application, while misleading the public into believing the site was run by the Social Security Administration. The site was shut down, and the accountant was charged with a felony for falsely representing himself as an employee of the U.S. government.

Soderberg said the Social Security Administration works hard to combat misleading advertising. "There are two federal laws that deal specifically with misleading ads. They prohibit companies from using

words or symbols that suggest they have a government affiliation, and they also prohibit misleading ads from being sent through the U.S. Postal Service." Soderberg added, "One way to avoid getting on 'soundalike' web sites is to avoid using a search engine when looking for Social Security information. Just go directly to our web site at www.ssa.gov. There you'll find reliable and free information and services about Social Security programs."

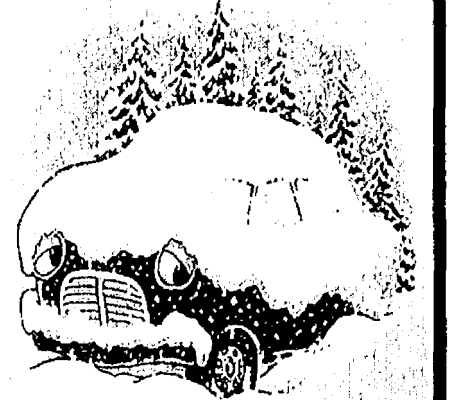


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Kirtland FLEX team earns honors, curriculum goes national



Photo courtesy of Kirtland Community College

Roberta (Bobbie) Otwell, Sharon Blasch, Kathy Taylor, and Cindy Miller were honored recently for their group effort in designing and implementing FLEX curriculum, which has become a national model for many colleges.

Kirtland instructor Kathy Taylor led a group honored recently as Outstanding Educator of the Year, at the latest Michigan Education College Conference, for its efforts in designing a unique open-entry,

open-exit curriculum that has become a national model.

Joining Taylor, of West Branch, were Sharon Blasch of Pinconning, former part-time instructor Cindy Miller of West Branch, and parapro-

fessional Roberta (Bobbie) Otwell of Mio.

Called FLEX, for Flexible Learning Experience, the program began just two years ago and already features five degree and five

certificate programs, most of them related to office skills. Recently, it has expanded to the welding and cosmetology programs on campus and to a wide variety of technical courses at the M-TEC at Kirtland-Gaylord.

"It started out as a pilot program and just took off," Taylor said. "Many of our students are divorced or separated women who have children at home. They're trying to go to school, and they needed night classes in order to attend. But when we offered night classes, we didn't have enough to fill a class, so we offered them on an independent study basis."

That eventually evolved into the FLEX program, an instructor-guided, student-centered, self-directed learning program that allows students the opportunity to begin courses at anytime during a given semester. It also allows them to use an open lab at a time that is convenient for them. They learn at their own pace and complete the course as soon as they win the approval of the instructor.

This fall, the program features 23 courses and seven extensions, all designed around students' hectic

schedules. Nearly 200 students participate in FLEX courses, Taylor said.

"They can work around children, around jobs," she said. "A lot of people are starting to finish up their degrees now."

But Taylor emphasized that the FLEX program is the result of a team effort from the start. She is the program's full-time instructor.

"It involved so many people on campus to make it work, from faculty and staff to the administration and the board of trustees," Taylor said.

Rarely has a new program been so well received by students.

"No time for college? That's what I thought until I was introduced to the FLEX program," said Patricia Moore, of Evart. "As well as being a single mother with a full-time job, I am now a full-time college student. The FLEX program allows me to get the education I need at my own pace."

Johnnie Lamblin, of Alger, concurred: "I like FLEX because I work at my own pace. I don't have to go to class every day. With FLEX and work at home, I can spend more time with my family."

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by Jennifer Evans
Health Educator
District Health Department #10

The use of tobacco products remains a serious health concern in our society.

Each year, smoking and smokeless tobacco use kill more people than car accidents, murder, suicide, and AIDS combined. This adds up to more than 400,000 deaths per year in the United States.

Here in Michigan, the death toll is 15,000 per year. Tobacco use causes a host of problems other than a shortened life span. If you've been thinking of quitting, the Great American Smokeout is an ideal time to get the support you need to kick the habit for good.

The Great American Smokeout was first held in 1977 to encourage smokers to quit for a single day. Each year the third Thursday of November becomes a starting point for smokers trying to live a smoke-free life. Millions of Americans will put out their cigarettes on that day and never light up again.

Why Quit?

• Cigarettes and smoke contain over 4,000 chemicals, 43 of which are known to cause cancer.

• Smokers are at higher risk for many diseases and chronic health problems such as heart attack, stroke, emphysema, and several types of cancer.

• Smoking causes staining of the teeth and fingernails, premature wrinkling of the skin, and bad breath.

• Secondhand smoke is harmful to spouse, children, and even pets living in the home.

• The average smoker spends \$1,600 - \$2,000 per year on cigarettes.

• Children of smokers are more likely to become smokers themselves.

Preparing to Quit

There are different ways to approach quitting. Individuals should think through their personal situation and select a method that will work for them:

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Individuals should talk with their doctor or health care professional to decide which of these methods might be most appropriate.

Support Programs

The smoking addiction is part chemical dependency and part behavioral habit. Unfortunately, nicotine replacement alone may not work long-term, as behavioral change also needs to take place. Smokers are usually quite dependent upon their cigarettes to relieve stress, relax, and socialize. Support programs such as individual or group counseling methods assist smokers in the following ways:

• Identifying why they began smoking in the first place

• Identifying why they have been unable to quit in the past

• Identifying "trigger" situations, that make them want to smoke

• Finding other ways to deal with stress

• Dealing with family and friends who still smoke

• Discussing how to quit without

weight gain

Participating in some type of counseling or support program can increase your chance of long-term success. By better understanding the habit and personal reasons for smoking, an individual is better prepared to fight the addiction.

On Your Own

If you decide to quit on your own, follow these additional steps to get you on the right track to success:

• Decide what your reasons are for quitting, and put them in writing

• Choose a quit day and stick to it

• Choose a quit method

• Tell family and friends you are quitting and ask for their support

• Put your quit plan in writing

• Prepare "survival" items, such as hard candy or straws to chew on

• Remove triggers that make you want to smoke

• Avoid trigger situations

• Reward yourself

For more information about quitting smoking, call the Crawford County office of District Health Department #10 at (989) 348-7800.

KCC cosmetology offers new skin care program

Kirtland Community College (KCC) is expanding its cosmetology curriculum again, offering a new skin care program that will teach students the finer points of facials, corrective and therapeutic applications and makeup for daytime, evening and special occasions, among other treatments.

"We're really excited about it because we're going to be the only ones in northern Michigan offering this program," said cosmetology instructor Mary Scott-Rom.

During the 576 hours of instruction, students also will learn eyebrow shaping, eyelash application, removal of unwanted hair on the

face and body, aromatherapy, body wrap, the history of skin care and the use of cosmetics, as well as nutrition and health of skin and anatomy and physiology, Scott-Rom said.

"We think it's going to be another pretty big program, based on the number of calls we've already gotten," she said. "A lot of our cosmetology students are interested."

Skin care and cosmetology require separate licenses, she said.

The skin care program begins with the winter semester beginning January 17, and runs from Monday through Thursday, 4 p.m. - 8 p.m.

For more information, phone (989) 275-5000, ext. 274.

Heritage awards, apprenticeship nominations deadline nears

Honoring individuals who continue traditions with excellence and authenticity is the focus of two annual programs by the Michigan State University (MSU) Museum -- the Michigan Heritage Awards (MHA) Program, and the Michigan Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Program (MTAAP). Nominations for 2003 Awards and apprenticeships are due December 2.

Michigan Heritage Awards:

Since 1985, the MSU Museum's Michigan Traditional Arts Program has -- through its Michigan Heritage Awards -- recognized the achievements of Michigan artists for traditions in family and community. Awards recognize the areas of performance, material culture and community leadership. The 2002 MHA honorees included an old-time fiddler, two rag-rug weavers, a bones player, and a quilter/quilt historian. The 2003 MHA recipients will be recognized at a ceremony at the 2003 Great Lakes Folk Festival in East Lansing, August 8-10, 2003.

Michigan Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Program:

The Michigan Traditional Arts Apprenticeship Program supports the continuation of traditional folk arts practiced in Michigan that are learned informally from one another in small groups and families -- ranging from birch bark cutouts, music

and ornamental ironwork to storytelling, mehendi (henna) art application, and regional and ethnic food ways. A master works with an apprentice artist in the same community on traditional arts development; and the MTAAP awards a \$2,000 stipend.

For information on the Michigan Heritage Award or Apprenticeship programs, contact Yvonne Lockwood at the MSU Museum by calling (517) 353-9678 or visit www.museum.msu.edu for an application form.

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For further information call 1-800-628-5820.

DNR to keep up park staffs despite retirements

by Spiros Gallos
Capital News Service

LANSING — Michigan's early-retirement program isn't hitting the Department of Natural Resources as hard as other state departments, officials say.

"We're actually doing fine," said Brad Wurfel, the DNR press secretary. "Where most agencies are replacing one out of four employees, we are replacing closer to nine out of 10," he said.

That means that the feared shortage of DNR employees that many, such as Rep. David Mead, R-Frankfort, predicted will not happen. Enough staff will work to keep parks such as Duck Lake State Park in Muskegon and Hartwick Pines State Park in Grayling open to tourists.

Mead said he was very pleased to hear that the DNR wasn't facing the expected shortage.

Under the plan, state employees

with a combined age and service years of 80, or who are at least 60 with a decade of credited service, are eligible for retirement under the 2002 Early Out provisions.

The DNR is not feeling the squeeze as much as other state departments because the agency officials asked Gov. John Engler to allow them to replace the maximum number of employees they could under the department's budget, said Kelli Sobel, the DNR administrative services deputy.

"It just wouldn't make sense for the governor to limit the DNR in its rehiring of employees since we provide so many vital services for the state," Wurfel said.

The reason for the special exemption is that about 90 percent of the DNR's budget comes from "restricted funds," Sobel said.

"Restricted funds" are revenues received through the sale of hunting

licenses and park fees for example, Sobel said.

The funds are restricted because they can be used only for specific things. For example, revenue from the sale of hunting licenses can only be used for hunting-related purposes such as maintaining herds or hiring biologists, Sobel said.

"The DNR really doesn't take too much money from the General Fund; most comes out of federal funds and 'restricted funds,'" said Kelly Chesney, the director of communications at the Department of Management and Budget.

The federal funds are grants from various agencies, such as the United States Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Forest Service and the Department of the Interior, Wurfel said.

Of the DNR's \$250 million budget, only \$45 million comes from the state General Fund, Sobel said.

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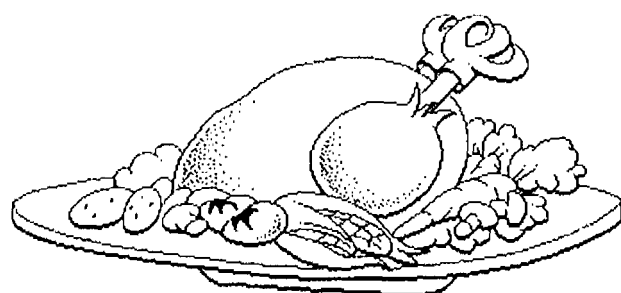
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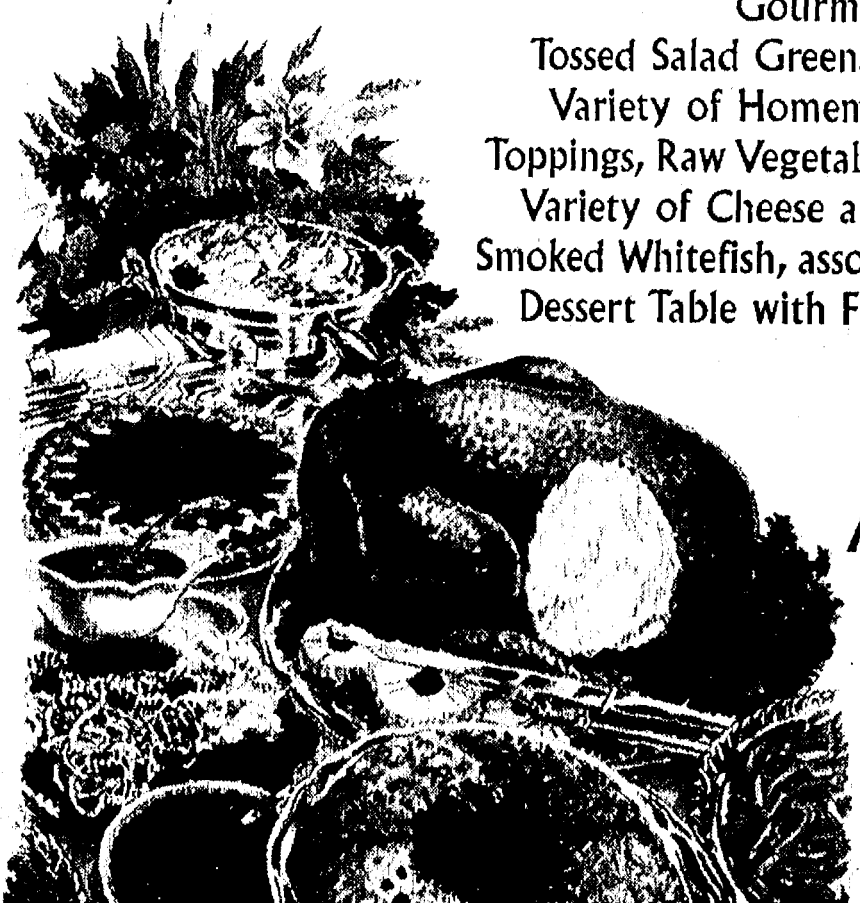
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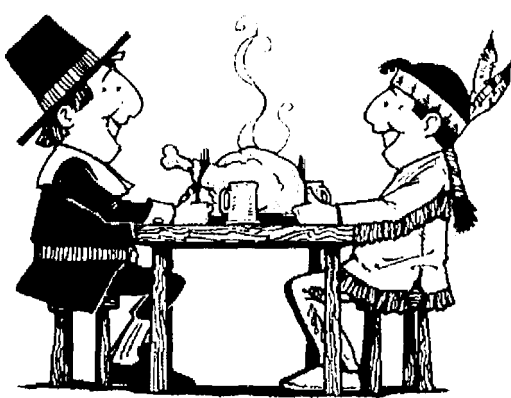
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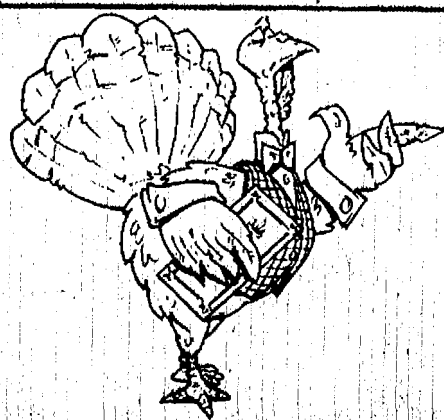
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Margot O. Matson

Margot O. Matson, 98, died November 17. Services are being held at 11:00 a.m. on Wednesday, November 20 at Sorenson Funeral Home, McEvers Chapel, Grayling.

In Memory of

James A. Dannenberg

To all our friends and family
Turn again to life

If I should die and leave you here a while, be not like others, sore undone, who keep long vigil by the silent dust and weep. For my sake turn again to life and smile, serving thy heart and trembling hand to do that which will comfort other souls than thine; Complete these dear unfinished tasks of mine, and I, perchance, may therein comfort you.

We thank all our friends and family for all your love, prayers, and comfort during our loss of my husband and our father, may God bless all of you!!!

The family of Jim Dannenberg

In Memory of

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God saw you were getting tired
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I won't be far away, life goes on.
Just listen with your heart and
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SENIOR CITIZEN NEWS

by Jan Farley

Join us for a meal, either at noon or 5 pm weekdays except Friday, there is no evening meal. Please try to call for reservations at (989) 348-7123 or 1-888-355-4500, so that we know how many to plan for. The Center is located at 308 Lawndale, behind Burger King. Walk-ins are welcome.

November:

20 - Stuffed Cabbage/Beef Stew; Hearing Clinic by appointment, Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12 noon; and Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

21 - Tuna Noodle casserole/Oven Pork; BP's taken at 11 a.m. to 12 noon; Lucky 7 Casino trip at 10 a.m.; History class at 1 p.m. and Uno Attack at 5:30 p.m.

22 - Ham Steak/no dinner; Beaver Creek Satellite at 12 noon; Pantry Bingo and 80 Cent Rummy at 1 p.m.

25 - Veal/Beef tips & noodles; Stag Cards at 12 noon and Bridge Club at 1 p.m.; Hangman at 5:30 p.m.

26 - Kielbasa & Kraut/Fish; Tenant council meets at 10 a.m.; Euchre Club at 1 p.m.; Movie at 5:30 p.m. with Dean Martin Celebrity Roast.

27 - Herbed Chicken/Roast Pork; Bible Study at 10:30 a.m.; Stag Cards at 12 noon and Medicine Shoppe Bingo at 5:30 p.m.

Above all this week, remember: Robert Kennedy got his quote from George Bernard Shaw when he said:

"You see things and you say Why? I dream things that never were and say Why not?"

Card of Thanks

I would just like to express my personal thanks and appreciation for the work done on our playground and for the beautiful, festive look that shows off our city park.

I think Joni Dunkel and everyone who took part in helping her should definitely pat themselves on the back for an awesome job, very well done, and in great taste.

It is a wonderful thing to know people take pride in our community. Again, thank you. I know that I enjoy every minute it is lit up. Hooray for Grayling. You put on yet another awesome Christmas Walk!

Mary Alef-Neal

83RD DISTRICT COURT

Sentencing for August, 2002

Hon. Alton T. Davis

Charles William Carter, age 37 of Port Huron - Controlled substance possession of marijuana; \$260 fines/costs or 26 days in jail.

Hon. John G. Hunter

Spiro Trajcevi, age 36 of Shelby Township - Disguise with intent to intimidate; \$935 fines/costs or 91 days in jail.

Dale Edward Sturdivant, age 25 of Grayling - OUIL/per se; \$1,180 fines/costs or 90 days in jail. 60 days in jail with credit for 55 served, placed on 365 days probation.

Susan Michelle LaSure, age 35 of Frederic - Operate without security; \$310 fines/cost or 31 days in jail.

Jess Arthur Kinsel, age 29 of Grayling - OUIL/per se; \$1,210 fines/costs or 120 days in jail.

Thomas DeWain Caid, age 37 of Grayling - Operate under the influence - child endangerment; \$1,380 fines/costs or 90 days in jail, three days in jail with credit for three days served, placed on 365 days probation.

Joshua George Harmon, age 23 of Jackson - Controlled substance use of marijuana; \$360 fines/costs or 36 days in jail.

Heather Darlene Joseph, age 26 of Charlevoix - Impaired driving; \$659 fines/costs or 65 days in jail.

Deanna Joyce Angove, age 43 of Grayling - Impaired driving; \$659 fines/costs or 65 days in jail.

Steve Gregory Walther, age 34 of Roscommon - Domestic violence; \$1,029 fines/costs or 93 days in jail, five days in jail, placed on 365 days probation.

Annette Marie Taylor, age 37 of Indian River - Impaired driving; \$460 fines/costs or 46 days in jail.

Matthew Michael Wakeley, age 20 of Grayling - Impaired driving; \$460 fines/costs or 46 days in jail, placed on 184 days probation.

Brian Ray Owen, age 43 of Grayling - Impaired driving; \$460 fines/costs or 46 days in jail.

Patricia Sue Sims, age 49 of Frederic - Impaired driving; \$460 fines/costs or 46 days in jail.

Erin Marie Snyder, age 31 of Roscommon - Impaired driving; \$460 fines/costs or 46 days in jail.

Richard William Rogers, Jr., age 20 of Grayling - Impaired driving; \$460 fines/costs or 46 days in jail.

Jean Ann Tovar, age 44 of Grayling - Impaired driving; \$810 fines/costs or 81 days in jail.

Steven Dean Priebe, age 36 of

Grayling - Impaired driving; \$460 fines/costs or 46 days in jail.

Gordon Arthur Whitney, age 25 of Frederic - Alcohol - selling/furnishing to minor; \$1,300 fines/costs or 90 days in jail.

Jamie Earl Schepers, age 31 of Cadillac - License suspended/revoked - allow suspended person to operate; \$560 fines/costs or 56 days in jail.

Robert Dean Newport, age 21 of Grayling - Retail fraud third degree; \$210 fines/costs or 21 days in jail.

Jarrett Steven Langowski, age 25 of Grayling - Operate without security, fail to stop at the scene of a property damage accident, and drove while unlicensed or license not valid; \$260 fines/costs or 26 days in jail.

Brian Joseph Trollman, age 26 of Big Rapids - Fail to display valid license; \$436 fines/costs or 43 days in jail, placed on 184 days probation.

Joshua Boone Stauffer, age 22 of Big Rapids - Controlled substance possession of marijuana; \$460 fines/costs or 46 days in jail.

Douglas Lee McMurtrie, age 58 of Grayling - License suspended/revoked - allowed suspended person to operate, registration plate/trailer violation; \$435 fines/costs or 43 days in jail.

Frank Thomas Olsen, age 28 of Gaylord - License suspended/revoked - allowed suspended person to operate; \$360 fines/costs or 36 days in jail.

Julia Marie Kreitner, age 31 of Gaylord - Disturbance of the peace; \$160 fines/costs or 16 days in jail.

Magistrate Jean Callewaert
Leonard E. Noe, age 48 of Barrington - False statement to obtain license - hunt/fish; \$220 fines/costs and \$436 restitution.

Hon. John G. Hunter
Lisa Ann Losey, age 28 of Adrian - Open alcohol in motor vehicle; \$460 fines/costs or 46 days in jail.

James Albert Zavitz, age 68 of Merritt - Drove while unlicensed/ license not valid, altered/unlawful use of operators license/false information, entered in traffic module; \$370 fines/costs or 37 days in jail.

Karl Joseph David, age 44 of Gaylord - Reckless driving; \$260 fines/costs and \$441.60 restitution or 70 days in jail, and 14 days in jail.

Thomas Edward Williams, age 21 of Taylor - Controlled substance use of marijuana; \$560 fines/costs or 56

days in jail.

Shawn Wayne Anderson, age 22 of Grayling - License suspended/revoked - allowed suspended person to operate; \$710 fines/costs or 71 days in jail.

John Daniel Verduco, age 31 of Grayling - License suspended/revoked - allowed suspended person to operate; \$260 fines/costs or 26 days in jail.

Paul Thomas Petronelli, age 35 of Roscommon - License suspended/revoked - allowed suspended person to operate; \$510 fines/costs or 51 days in jail.

Christopher Alan Cole, age 40 of Warren - Impaired driving; \$490 fines/costs.

Anthony David LaChance, age 17 of Grayling - Retail fraud third degree; \$210 fines/costs or 21 days in jail.

Jill Marie Reilly, age 23 of Roscommon - OUIL/per se; \$910 fines/costs or 91 days in jail, placed on 181 days probation.

Gary Arthur Olin, age 42 of Grayling - Operate under the influence - child endangerment; \$910 fines/costs or 91 days in jail, placed on 181 days probation.

Brandon Roger Gorr, age 18 of Grayling - Minor with blood alcohol count of .02 to .07 percent; \$240 fines/costs or 16 days in jail.

John Daniel Verduco, age 31 of Grayling - License suspended/revoked - allowed suspended person to operate; \$360 fines/costs or 36 days in jail.

Duane Richard Welch, age 40 of Frederic - OUIL/per se; \$660 fines/costs or 66 days in jail.

George Earl Boyd, age 20 of Lake Orion - License suspended/revoked - allowed suspended person to operate; \$610 fines/costs or 61 days in jail.

Richard Howard Wilburn, age 21 of Perry - Retail fraud third degree; 30 days in jail with credit for 30 days served.

Christopher Delos Coady, age 44 of Saginaw - Impaired driving; \$440 fines/costs or 44 days in jail.

Hon. Douglas C. Dosson
Alisha Arlyne Carlisle, age 48 of Grayling - Violation of City Ordinance #4; \$310 fines/costs and \$185 restitution or 49 days in jail.

Daniel Nathan Verlinde, age 44 of Frederic - OUIL/per se; \$1,329 fines/costs or 130 days in jail, 60 days in jail with credit for 45 days served, placed on 365 days probation.

operating under the influence of liquor(OUIL)/unlawful blood alcohol level (UBAL), one operating under the influence of alcohol, four health and safety;

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One EMS response, 28 traffic accidents, seven non-traffic accidents, one traffic violations (civil infraction), three traffic policing, one traffic safety public appearance;

Two school bus inspections, four civil matter disputes - family trouble,

16 suspicious situations, one natural death, two missing persons, 35 general non-criminal, one structure fire, three delinquent minors, three false alarm activations;

One assault/intimidation/stalking, eight burglary/home invasion, 14 larceny, 10 damage to property, one weapons offenses/concealed, one disorderly conduct;

20 public peace/disorderly, one

operating under the influence of liquor(OUIL)/unlawful blood alcohol level (UBAL), one operating under the influence of alcohol, four health and safety;

Four miscellaneous criminal offense, five driving violations/driving while license suspended (DWLS), etc.

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Card of Thanks

We would like to thank the following people for all their hard work in making this year's participation in the Christmas Walk so successful: Mickey Richards, Deanne Whiteside, Ginger Grow-Lyons, Mika Sumner, Laura Purtil, Cheryl Postma, Sharon Zarnick, Karyn Ruley, Cassie Maples, Patty Redinger, Mary Marelich, Mickey and Dennis Meyers.

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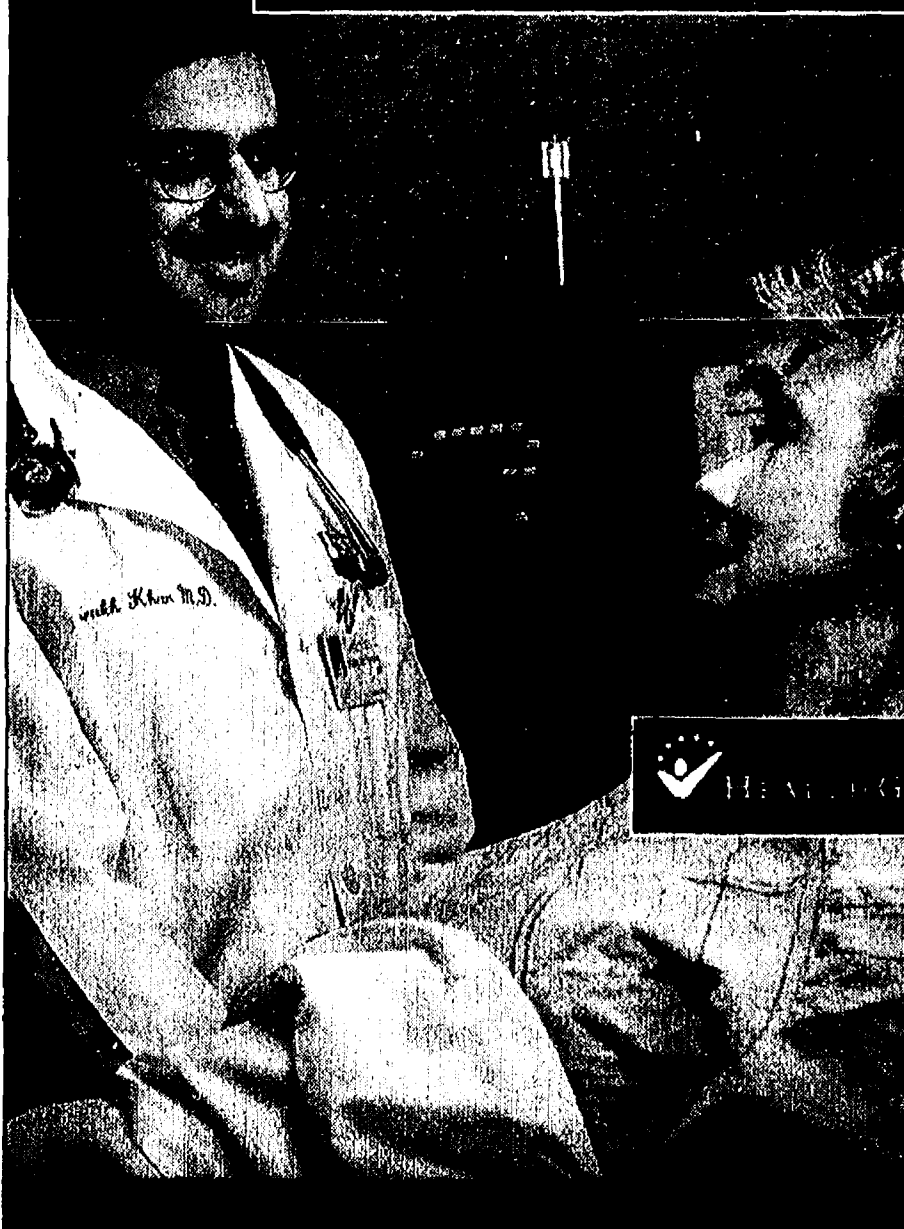
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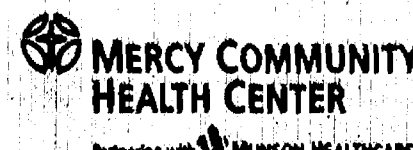


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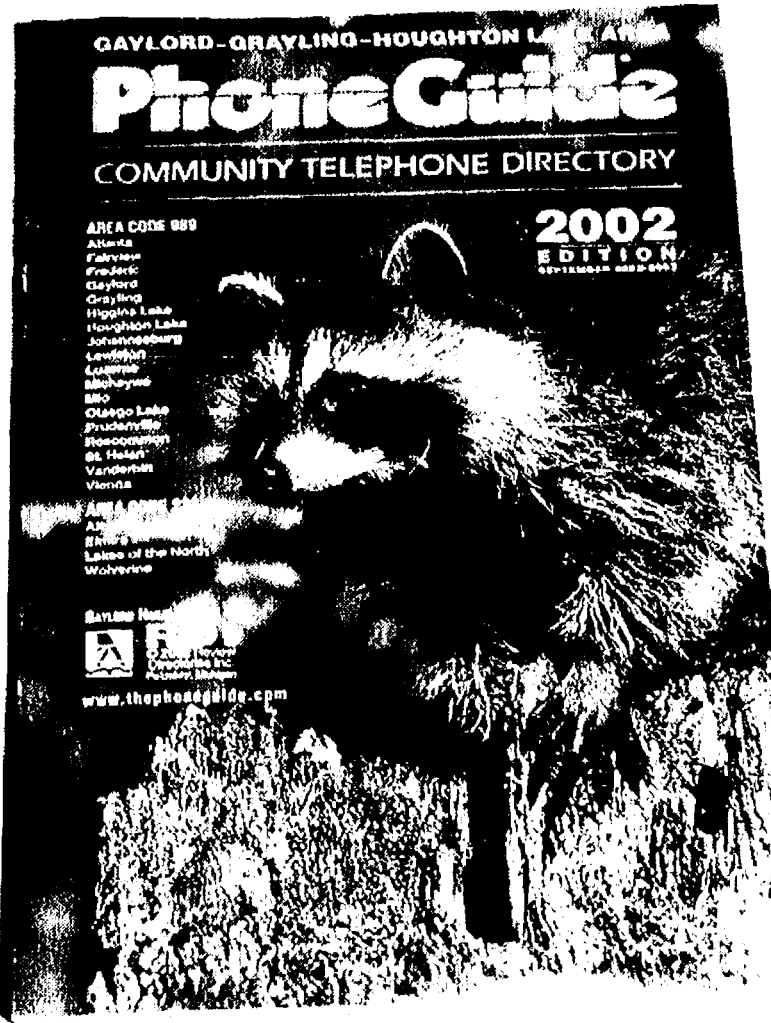


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Hunters face dangers from tree stands

by Matt Furst
Capital News Service

LANSING -- Leaves aren't the only things falling in the woods this month.

Department of Natural Resources officials are concerned about hunters injuring themselves by falling out of tree stands.

Many hunters don't follow the safety rules of hunting out of a tree stand, said Lt. Suzanne Koppelo, DNR hunter safety administrator.

One hunter died last year after falling out of his stand in Iron County, she said.

Many stands are placed as high as 20 feet off the ground, Koppelo said.

There are ways to safely hunt out tree stands, she said. All approved stands come with safety belts that should be worn while hunting, she said. Koppelo also recommended using a rope and harness to enter and leave a stand.

"There are no laws that hunters

have to wear safety belts or harnesses, but wearing them only reduces the chance of an accident," Koppelo said.

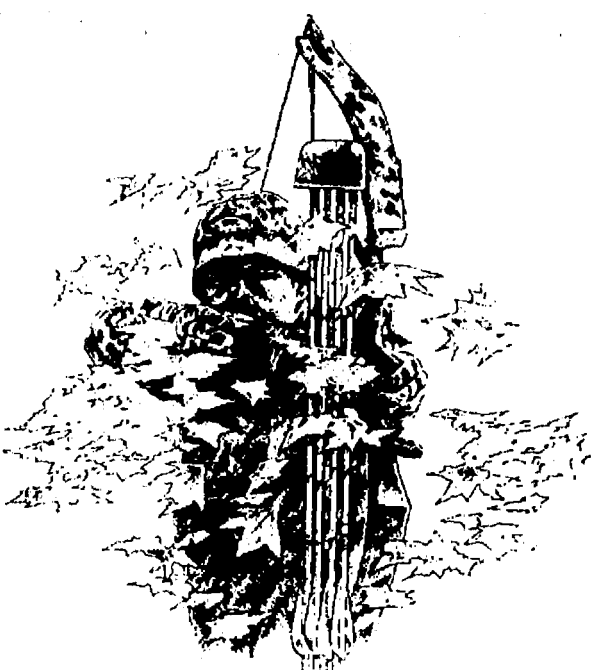
Marty Bianga, hunter and salesman at Land & Lakes Sports in Escanaba, said his cousin was hunting out of a tree stand earlier this fall and shattered his leg when he fell 17 feet.

"My cousin grabbed a dead tree branch while climbing into his tree stand," Bianga said. "The branch snapped, and now he's using crutches."

Bianga said most of the accidents could be avoided by making sure the stands are secured properly and by hunters being cautious.

"People just need to use common sense," he said.

Adam Carpenter, owner of



Carpenter's Outdoor Outfitters in Marquette, said that most hunting accidents could be attributed to lack of thinking.

"People get hurt because of pure, 100 percent, unadulterated carelessness," Carpenter said.

Even young hunters face risk of heart attack

It's that time of year again -- getting up at the crack of dawn in the cold November weather to hunt down that big buck.

But, if you haven't had a physical or haven't exercised much in the year since the last hunt, you may be putting yourself at a risk of a heart attack.

According to the American Heart Association (AHA), 30 percent of all coronary attacks occur in people younger than 65 years of age, so everyone is at risk if not properly prepared for the strain hunting can put on one's heart.

"Hunters rarely consider that their sport is actually an athletic event

and that the excitement and exertion take a toll on their bodies," said Bob Malloof, a fitness and nutrition trainer and a volunteer for the AHA. "Hunters should start training and conditioning months before they 'perform,' but most don't and their hearts and circulatory systems sometimes suffer the consequences."

Some of the tips the AHA recommends includes avoid eating a heavy breakfast before heading out into the woods and not to hunt alone. Also, bring a cell phone along so you can reach emergency services if needed.

Warning signs of a heart attack

are an uncomfortable pressure, fullness, squeezing or pain in the center of the chest that lasts more than a few minutes, or goes away and comes back again. Also, the pain spreads to the shoulders, neck and arms and is often accompanied by lightheadedness, sweating, nausea and shortness of breath.

Stroke is also a concern while hunting and its warning signs include a sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, and a sudden dizziness and loss of coordination.

Both heart attack and stroke are medical emergencies and 911 needs to be accessed immediately.

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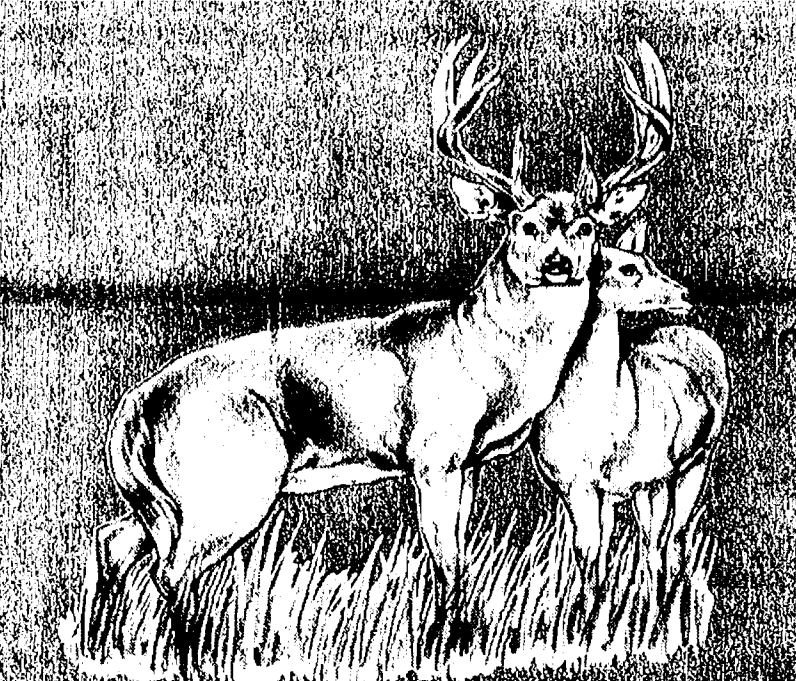
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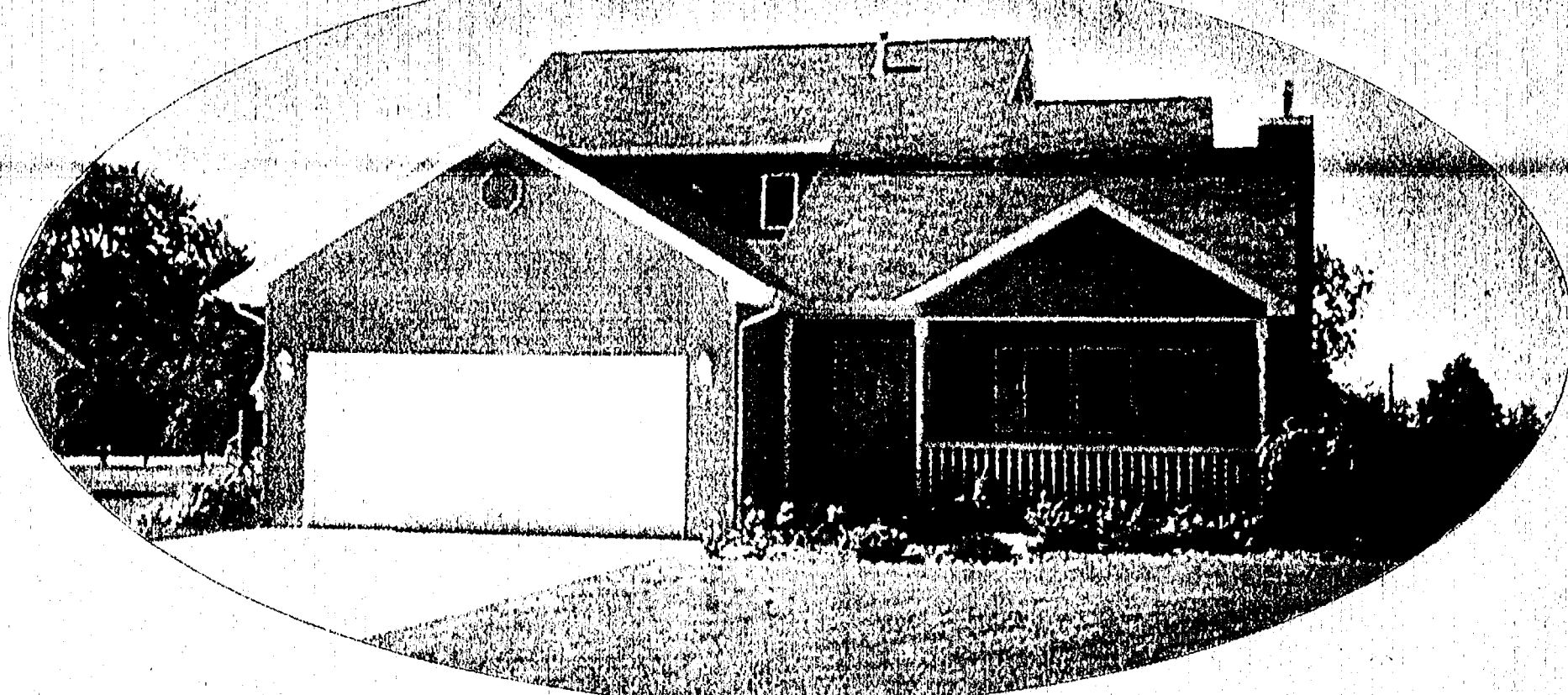
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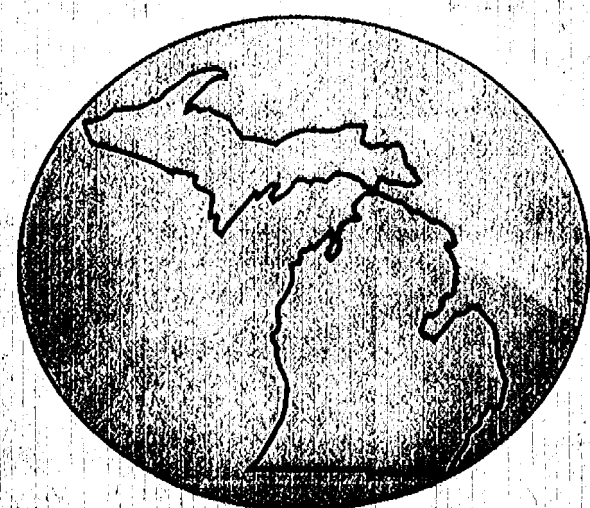
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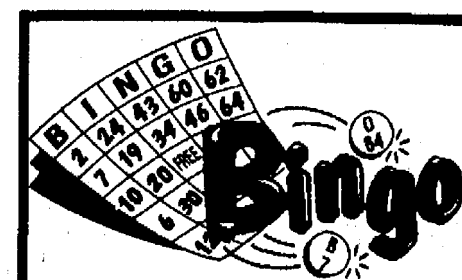
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Buck pole filled on opening day

► Forty-six deer entered in two-day Orange Coat Round Up competition

This year's Orange Coat Round Up competition at the buck pole at Skip's Sport Shop boasted normal turn-out overall, including a full buck pole on opening day of hunting season.

Twenty-nine bucks were entered on the first day of hunting season, November 15. On November 16, the second day of the two-day competition, 17 deer were hung on the buck pole.

"Hunters saw a few less deer on average, but the number of bucks on the buck pole was about average," said Jack Millikin of Skip's Sport Shop. "It filled the first day and was three-quarters full on the second day."

"I think deer numbers were down a little," he said.

Prizes of cash and savings bonds were awarded in a variety of categories on each day of the contest:

(November 15, 2002)

- Oldest Hunter – Don Denton, Grayling (born December 1935)
- Youngest Hunter – Joe Barman, Grayling (born October 1986)
- Heaviest Buck – Jason Buchinger, Grayling (171 pounds)
- First Buck – Randy Duggan, Grayling (129 3/4 inches)
- Largest Rack – Dan Walker, Grayling (129 3/4 inches)
- First Woman – Carrie Stephan, Grayling

(November 16, 2002)

- Oldest Hunter – Dick Neillitz, Roscommon (born January 1938)
- Youngest Hunter – Matt Smock, Kalkaska (born September 1988)
- Heaviest Buck (tie) – Matt Smock, Kalkaska (180 pounds); Cliff Wheeler, Grayling (180 pounds)
- First Buck – Bill Quarterman, Huntington
- Largest Rack – Sheridan Cole, St. Helen (159 1/8 inches)
- First Woman – Jennifer Gillon, Grayling

Prizes were also awarded to the first 10 hunters to submit bucks, and all hunters that participated in the competition received at least one prize.

The grand prize – a scoped rifle – was given to the hunter whose buck had the largest rack over the course of the two-day Orange Coat Round Up event. This year's grand prize winner was Sheridan Cole of St. Helen. His buck's rack measured out at 159 1/8 inches.

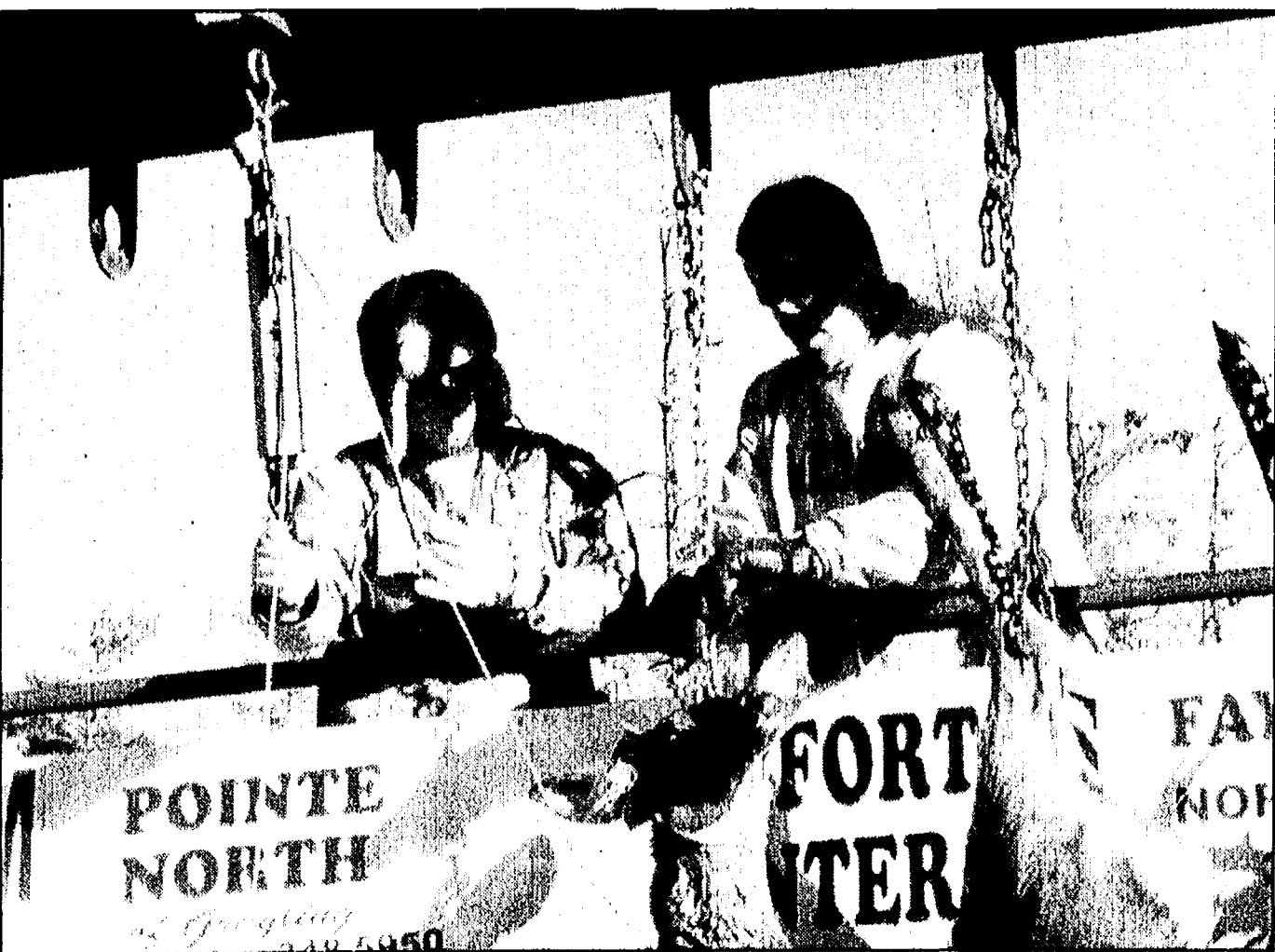
The 2002 Orange Coat Round Up was the first to utilize the new buck pole at Skip's. The new buck pole, which is made of metal, replaces the wood buck pole that collapsed last year during the Orange Coat Round Up competition.

The Orange Coat Round Up is sponsored by the Camp Grayling Conservation Club, hosted by Skip's Sport Shop, and coordinated by people from both the club and the shop. Proceeds from the event went to the Camp Grayling Conservation Club.



Photos by Calab Casey

People check out the bucks on the buck pole at Skip's Sport Shop on Friday, November 15 – the first day of firearm deer hunting season. The buck pole was eventually filled on Friday.



LuAnn Shirkey of the Camp Grayling Conservation Club and Tim Zigila, an Orange Coat Round Up volunteer, string up a deer on the buck pole at Skip's Sport Shop on the first day of firearm deer season last Friday.

Orange Coat Round Up Results 2002

November 15 (Order, Hunter, Hometown)

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| 1. | Randy Duggan | N/A |
| 2. | Brock Denton | Grayling |
| 3. | Tom Wellman | Grayling |
| 4. | Dan Peterson | Grayling |
| 5. | Tom Vokemia | Holland |
| 6. | Brandon Failing | Flint |
| 7. | Allie Darrin | Flint |
| 8. | Joe Barma | Grayling |
| 9. | Jeff Barnett | Belleville |
| 10. | Pat Trombley | Grayling |
| 11. | David Brannan | Grayling |
| 12. | Dave Webb | Monroe |
| 13. | Dan Walker | Grayling |
| 14. | Richard Orman | Genesee, NY |
| 15. | Don Denton | Grayling |
| 16. | Carrie Stephan | Grayling |
| 17. | Jeff Luckstead | Mt. Pleasant |
| 18. | Bob Ferndale | Ferndale |
| 19. | Scott Sherfield | Grayling |
| 20. | James Pasik | Lincoln Park |
| 21. | Mike Wakeley | Grayling |
| 22. | Thomas Nakonezny | Redford |
| 23. | Mike Perry | Saranau |

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| 24. | Ryan Stahl | Grayling |
| 25. | Bob Dudek | Canton |
| 26. | Jason Buchinger | Grayling |
| 27. | Dave Donaldson | N/A |
| 28. | Brian Watkins | Grayling |
| 29. | Eric Hoose | Clinton Twp. |

November 16 (Order, Hunter, Hometown)

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|-----|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. | Bill Quarterman | Huntington |
| 2. | Dustin Partello | Frederic |
| 3. | Nathan Mead | Grayling |
| 4. | Jim Carson | Grand Rapids |
| 5. | Tim VanNuck | Grayling |
| 6. | Jennifer Gillon | Grayling |
| 7. | Dick Neillitz | Roscommon |
| 8. | Leo Lobsinger | Grayling |
| 9. | Dennis Carry | Dundee |
| 10. | Matt Smock | Kalkaska |
| 11. | John Wolfgang | West Branch |
| 12. | Chris Dahms | Coloma |
| 13. | Cliff Wheeler | Grayling |
| 14. | Arran Weaver | Frederic |
| 15. | Randy Pittman | Grayling |
| 16. | Jim Sheldon | Grayling |
| 17. | Sheridan Cole | St. Helen |

Venison must be handled, processed properly

Michigan Department of Agriculture (MDA) Director Dan Wyant recently issued a reminder to the state's hunters and retail food establishments who may be processing venison to follow the state's sanitation requirements and proper food safety and handling guidelines.

MDA revised its guidelines this year to include precautions for Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), a fatal brain and nervous system disease that affects deer and elk.

Wyant noted the state has long had requirements and guidelines in place for Michigan retail food establishments that may custom process hunter-taken venison, and that CWD has not been found in Michigan to date. Additionally, while the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and World Health Organization have indicated

there is no evidence to date that CWD can be transmitted to humans, livestock or other animals, it was prudent to initiate additional safeguards as an extra precaution.

"As we enter into the state's prime deer harvesting season, it's important that venison processors are following common-sense safe handling and processing measures to minimize their risk of foodborne illnesses as well as exposure to animal health issues like CWD," Wyant said.

Key custom venison processing provisions for MDA licensed and inspected facilities include:

General storage and processing.
• Processors must inspect all carcasses prior to accepting them. They must be free of signs of illness and any visible decomposition or contamination, and identified with appropriate tags.

• Carcasses should be securely stored at 41 degrees Fahrenheit (F) or less and physically separated from other food.

• Carcass handling and processing should be conducted using "first in, first out" rotation.

• Rubber or disposable gloves in good repair must be worn.

• Processing of hunter-owned deer must take place after all commercial food handling has ceased. There must be no way to cross contaminate other food.

• All processing and handling equipment, food contact surfaces, floors and garments must be washed and sanitized immediately after processing. Processing of commercial foods cannot take place until these activities are done.

• Venison products must be clearly marked, identified with

name of owner, stamped "Not for Sale," and segregated from commercial meat and foods.

CWD-specific precautions

• Deer taken from Wisconsin or other CWD-positive areas must be processed separately after all other deer have been processed.

• Minimize handling and cutting of brain, spinal tissues, and lymph nodes.

• Bone-cut meat from deer, removing fat and connective tissue.

• Heads, legs and other body parts, unless returned to the hunter, must be properly disposed in a licensed incinerator or buried in a licensed landfill.

A brochure detailing a complete list of Michigan's venison processing sanitation requirements and guidelines can be obtained by calling MDA toll-free at 1-800-292-3939, visiting any of the

Department's seven regional offices, or on line by visiting www.michigan.gov/mda.

Hunters interested in more information specific to deer handling or field dressing should contact the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) at (517) 373-9358 or visit www.michigan.gov/dnr.

Additionally, Wyant reminded hunters, processors and consumers about the common sense, but critical, food safety steps to take when preparing venison, including:

• Wash hands, utensils, and food contact surfaces with hot, soapy water often, and especially before and after handling meat.

• Hold meat at or below 40 degrees F at all times. If you don't plan to consume or process meat within three to five days, freeze it. Thaw frozen meat only in the

refrigerator, never at room temperature.

• Use a food thermometer in cooking meat as it is the only way to tell if the food has reached a high enough temperature to destroy the harmful organisms that can cause foodborne illnesses. For venison, both ground and fresh, this temperature is 165 degrees F.

Additional venison food safety tips can be obtained by contacting your local Michigan State University Extension office, visiting www.msue.msu.edu, or by calling MDA toll-free at the number mentioned above, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Meat and Poultry Hotline at 1-800-535-4555, or the U.S. Food and Drug Administration Food Information Line at 1-888-SAFE-FOOD.

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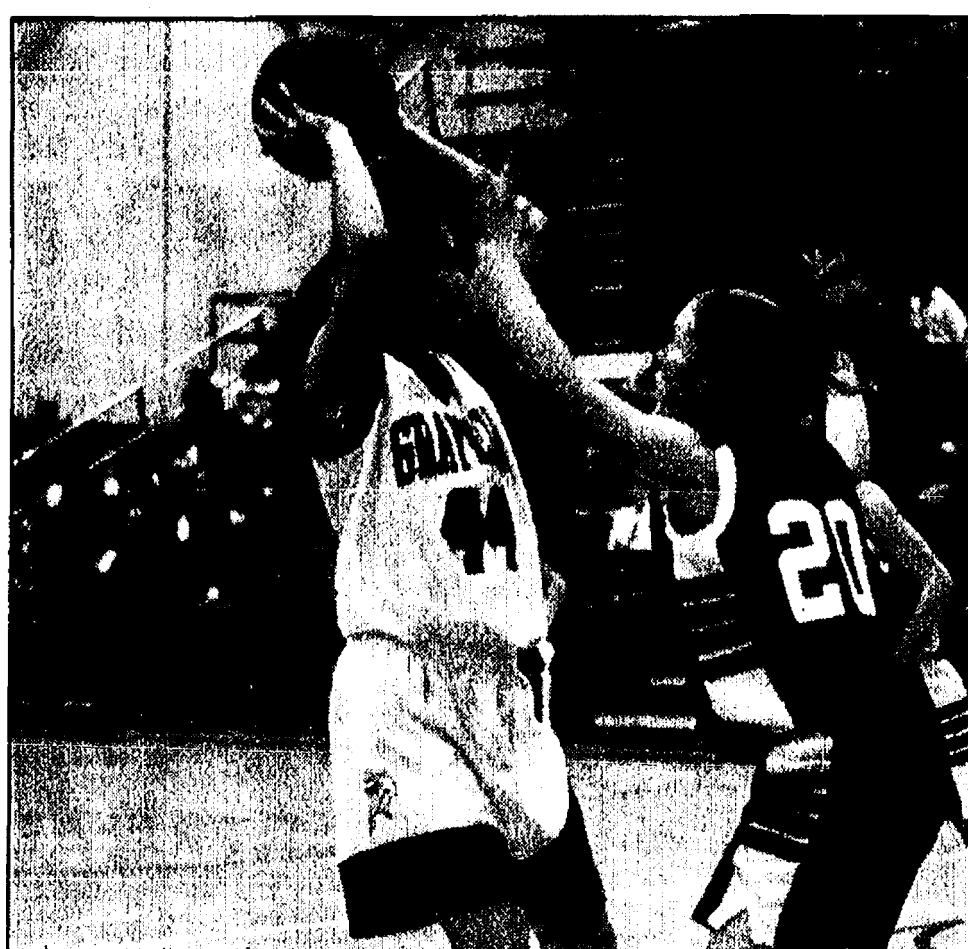


Photo by Caleb Casey

Tracy Parkinson looks for an open teammate in last Thursday's win over Gladwin.

Vikings win by 5

Varsity team holds off G's

► Girls basketball squad weathers 2nd half run by Gladwin in 44-39 victory

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

In its final regular season match of 2002 — a home game against the Flying G's of Gladwin on Thursday night — the Grayling High School varsity girls basketball team defeated Gladwin 44-39.

The Vikings had a 13-point lead

at halftime, but Gladwin battled back. The G's took a one-point lead in the fourth quarter, but Grayling finished strong to come away with the win.

The Vikings took a quick 6-0 lead in the first period with a pair of three-pointers by Kim Mitchell. A shot inside by Mandy Czapek put Grayling up 8-2. A jump shot by Jessica Green and a three-point play by Ashley Hawley gave GHS a 13-4 edge.

Three free throws by Czapek and a jump shot by Green gave Grayling 18 points for the quarter. Gladwin rallied for a late run to end the first period, cutting the Viking lead to three, 18-15, by the time the buzzer sounded.

Grayling outscored the G's 11-1 in the second quarter. The Vikings scored their 11 with a triple by Parkinson, shots inside by Skylynn Palmer and Czapek, a put-back by Czapek, and two free throws by Green.

GHS had a 29-16 advantage at halftime.

Gladwin scored the first two baskets of the second half. A triple by Mitchell at the 4:34 mark put Grayling up by 12, 32-20. The G's outscored Grayling 7-2 in the last four minutes of the quarter to pull within seven, 34-27.

The G's built on their momentum, scoring eight unanswered points to open the fourth quarter. The run gave Gladwin a one-point lead, 35-34, with 3:56 left in regulation.

A free throw by Green tied the game at 35-35. With 2:20 left, Hawley scored a shot inside on a pass from Parkinson to give Grayling a two-point edge. Gladwin answered with a jump shot to tie the game.

A drive by Mitchell with 1:33 remaining put the Vikings back up by two. With 1:10 left in the game, Parkinson stole the ball and drove in for a lay-up, giving GHS a four-point lead.

Grayling got the ball back and Gladwin fouled. With 43 seconds left on the clock, Mitchell hit two free throws on a one and one chance to put the Vikings up by six.

Gladwin missed a shot at the other end and Czapek rebounded. She passed to Parkinson, and the G's fouled. Parkinson hit one of two at the line to put Grayling up seven.

Gladwin scored a bucket inside to pull within five. With a foul on the play, the G's went to the line for one free throw. The shot missed, and Czapek rebounded.

Gladwin fouled Grayling, but the free throw try missed. The G's got off a three-point attempt at the other end, and Parkinson came up with the rebound on the miss.

Grayling won 44-39.

Mitchell led Grayling with 13 points in the match. Czapek finished with nine.

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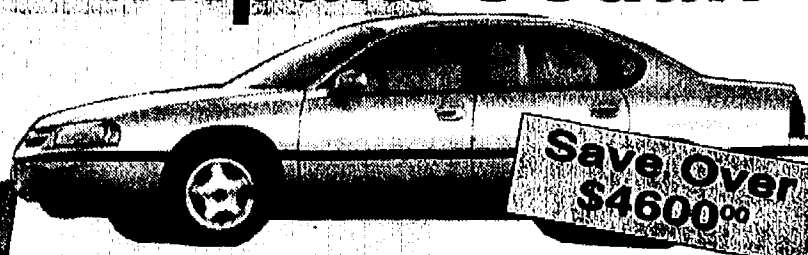
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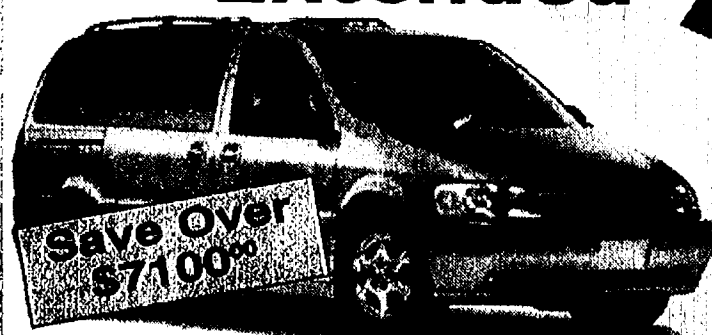
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JV squad defeats Gladwin 33-19

► Vikings hold G's to three first half points in season finale victory

by Caleb Casey
Staff Writer

The Grayling High School JV girls basketball team ended its 2002 season last Thursday with a 33-19 victory over the Gladwin Flying G's in Grayling.

In the opening quarter, Gladwin scored first but it was all Grayling from there. The Vikings scored 10 unanswered points on drives by Hannah Hall and Jodi Riddle, shots inside by Kelly Dunkley and Riddle, and a jump shot by Jenny VanNuck. GHS led 10-2 going into the second quarter.

Grayling outscored Gladwin 9-1 in the second period, giving the Vikings a 19-3 advantage at half-time. GHS scored its nine points with jumpers by Riddle and VanNuck, a put-back by Dunkley, a free throw by Hall, and a shot inside by Ellie Curriston on an assist from Trisha Kinsey.

Gladwin scored the first three baskets of the second half. Grayling had only one field goal in the third period – a shot inside by Kinsey – but the G's did not score again in the period after their three quick buckets to open the half. The Vikings were 0 for 6 from the free throw line in the period (and 1 for 14 in the game, overall).

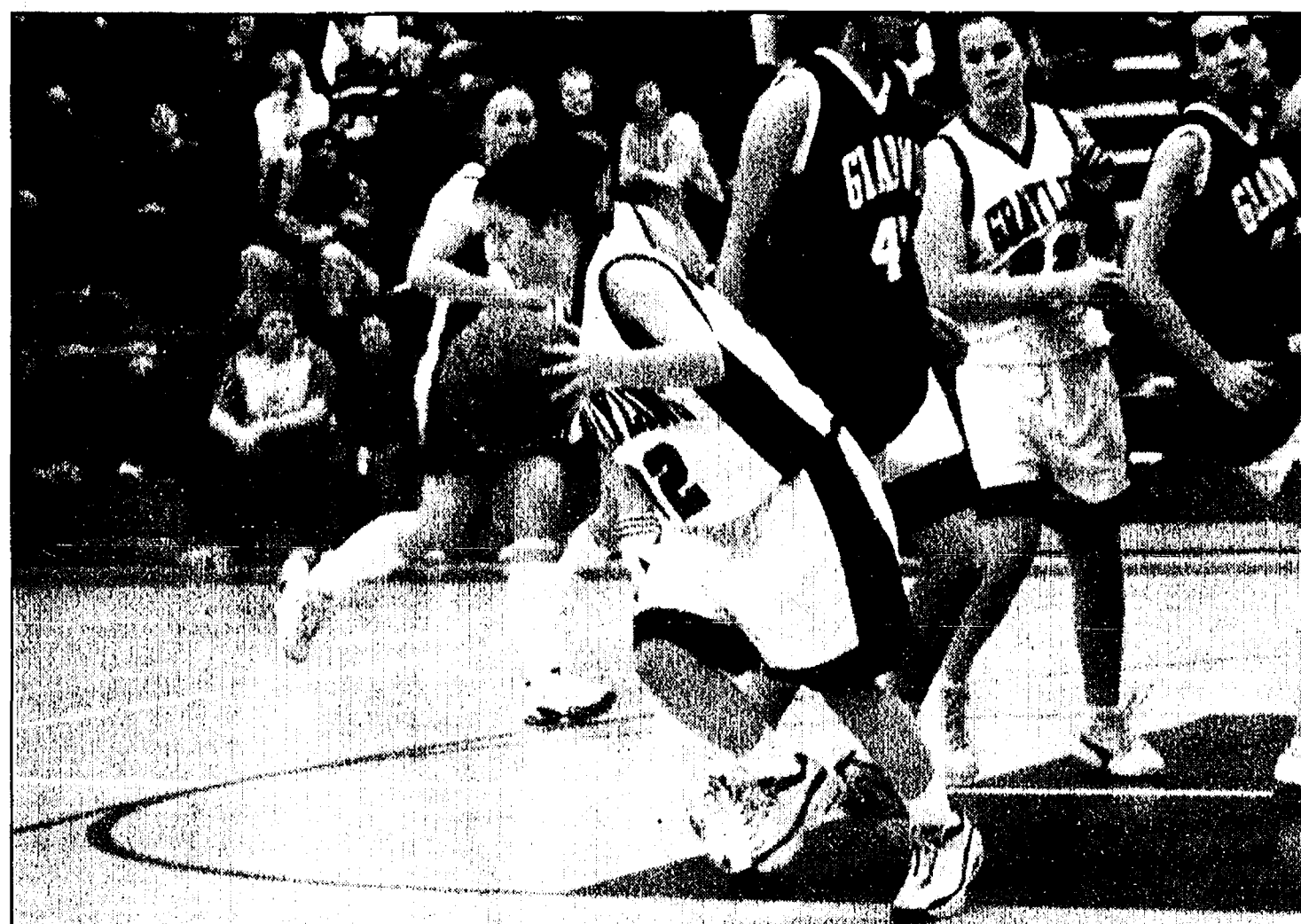
Grayling led 21-9 going into the fourth quarter. The Vikings extended their lead to 31-9 with a 10-0 run in the first 4:30 of the fourth. The run included a drive by Dunkley, a shot inside by Riddle on a pass from Dunkley, and jump shots by Hall (2) and Kinsey.

Gladwin scored 10 points down the stretch, but the Vikings had the game wrapped up. Grayling won 33-19.

Hall was the leading scorer for GHS with nine points. Riddle had eight.

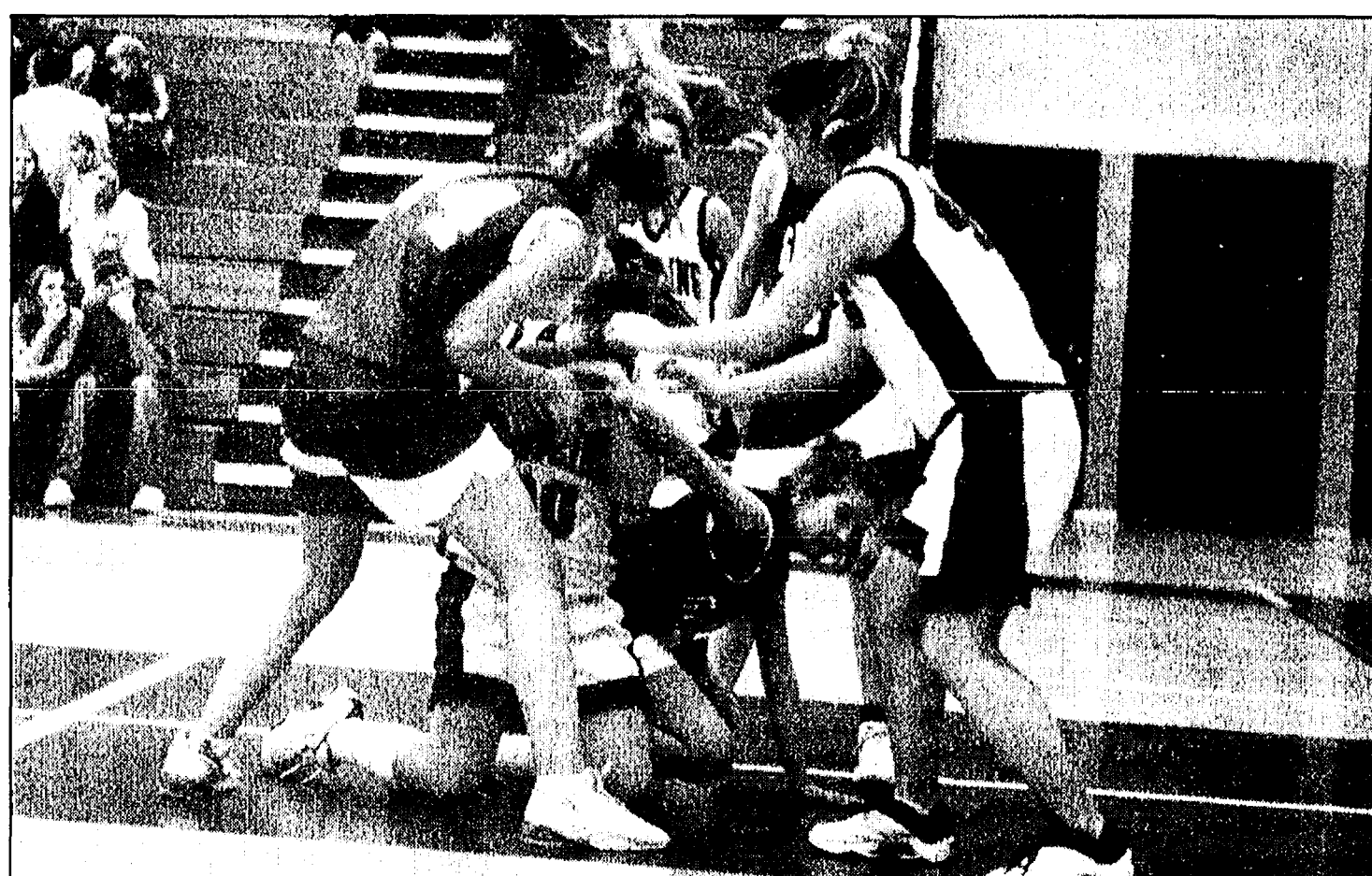
Two of the team's regular starters – freshmen Katie Baynham and Michelle McGuire – were moved up to the varsity squad for the last week of the regular season and play-offs.

The JV team is now done for the year. The varsity squad starts play-offs this week with the District Tournament.



Photos by Caleb Casey

Trisha Kinsey moves the ball back out to the perimeter after grabbing a rebound.



Hannah Hall and Ellie Curriston fight for a ball inside the key in the Gladwin game.



Jodi Riddle handles the ball for Grayling in last week's game against the G's.



Samantha Palmer controls the ball at the perimeter.

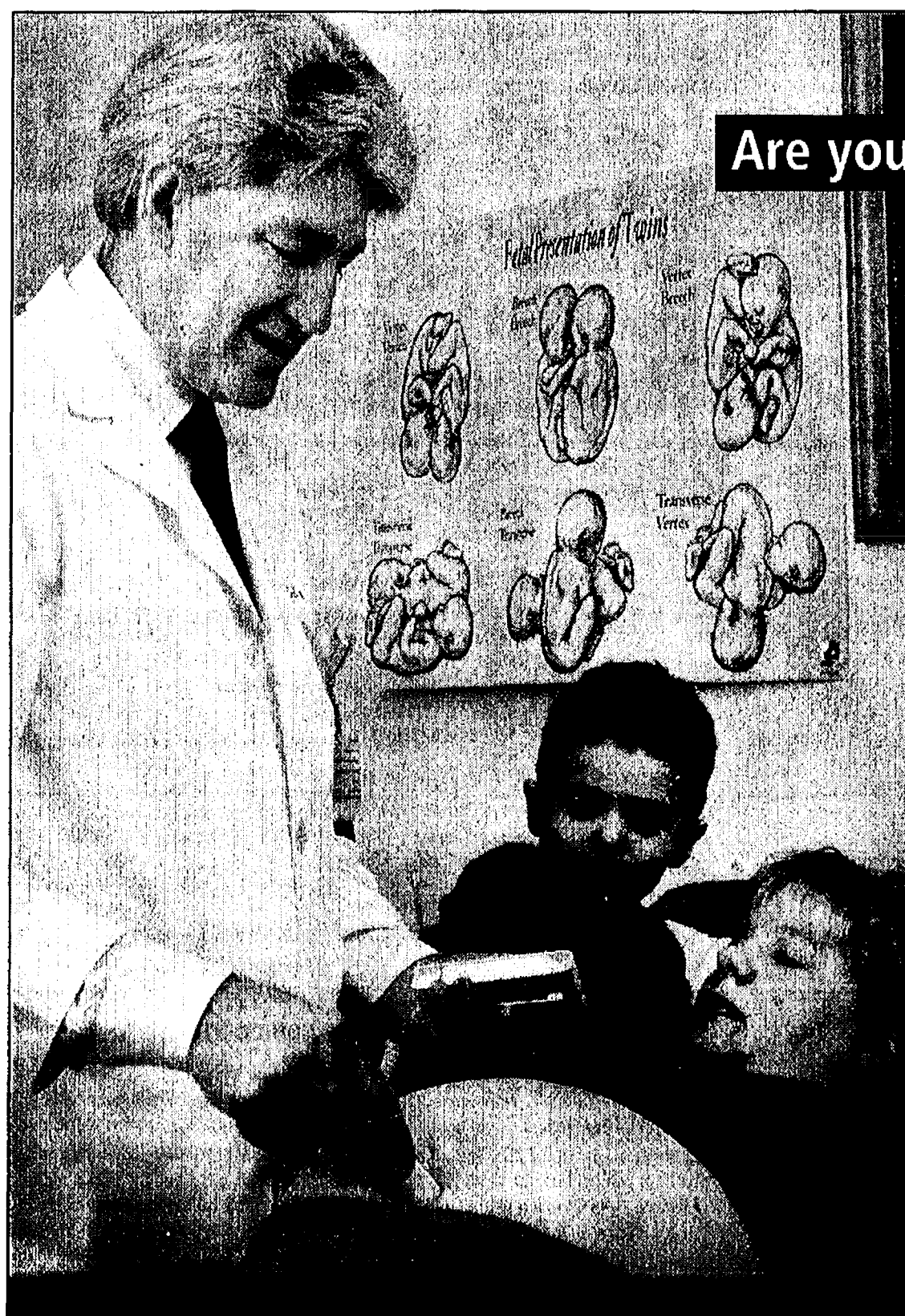
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| 2. Atlanta | 10. Tennessee |
| 3. Cleveland | 11. San Diego |
| 4. Indianapolis | 12. Tampa Bay |
| 5. Kansas City | 13. Jacksonville |
| 6. Miami | 14. Denver |
| 7. Minnesota | 15. U of M |
| 8. NY Giants | 16. Purdue (87) |

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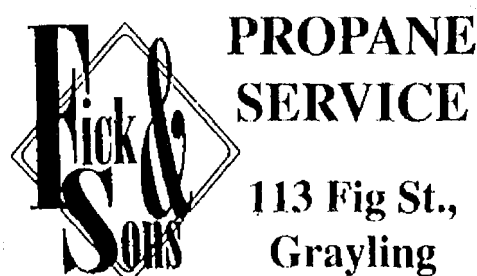
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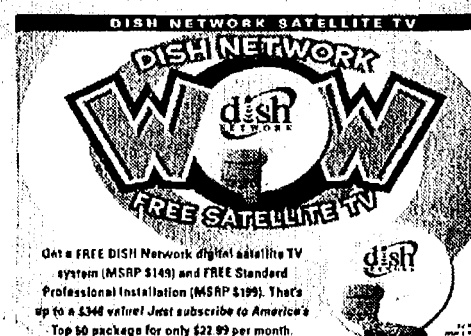
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Game 1 _____		Game 8 _____		Game 15 _____	
Game 2 _____		Game 9 _____		Game 16 _____	
Game 3 _____		Game 10 _____			
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Game 5 _____		Game 12 _____		Tiebreaker 1 Game #1 _____	
Game 6 _____		Game 13 _____		Tiebreaker 2 game #9 _____	
Game 7 _____		Game 14 _____		Tiebreaker 3 game #16 _____	

Avalanche Football Contest Official Rules

(1) Contestants must list the advertiser in which each game is found. Write your prediction for the games played, advertisers and tiebreakers (total points scored by both teams) on entry form. Entry form without advertisers listed will be invalid. The person with the most correct picks wins all the weekly prizes listed. If the tie breakers can not determine a winner, a drawing will be held to select a single winner. (2) One entry per person a week will be accepted. Crawford County Avalanche employees are not eligible. (3) Completed entry forms must be returned to the Avalanche office by 5 pm Friday before each week's games. Mail slot in our door may be used Wednesday or Thursday night after 5 pm and before 9 am. Mailed entries must be postmarked no later 5 pm Friday. Mail to Crawford County Avalanche, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, MI 49738. (4) Entries must be on an official entry form as printed in the Avalanche. No purchase necessary to enter. Entry forms are available at the Avalanche office. Winner may claim their prizes at the Avalanche office between 9 am and 5 pm weekdays. Identification and a social security number must be presented when claiming prizes.

BOWLING LEAGUE

Recreation

Peterson Saw Service... 27.5 - 16.5
Coldwell Bankers... 27 - 17
Woody Girls'... 25.5 - 18.5
Glens' Market... 20.5 - 23.5
Hawk Ridge Golf... 20 - 24
Mickey Perez CPA... 20 - 24
Gale Enterprises... 18.5 - 25.5
Chicken Little Joint Pro... 17 - 27
High Series: K. Moshier, 543; M. Coppala, 516; P. D'Amour, 478; N. Root, 470.
High Game: K. Moshier, 198; M. Coppala, 184; S. Noeske, 182; D. Mead, 177; S. Johnson, 177.

Pioneer

McDonald's of Grayling... 29 - 11
Hawk Ridge Golf... 21.5 - 18.5
Rochette's... 21 - 19
The Ice House... 20.5 - 19.5
Chemical Bank... 20 - 20
Custom Interior... 19 - 21
South Side River Rats... 18 - 22
Avalanche... 11 - 29
High Series: S. France, 525; C. Jones, 503; L. Golnick, 498; S. Goss, 491.
High Game: S. France, 196; H. Stairs, 192; J. Cousins, 189; L. Rutter, 179; C. LaMotte, 179; J. Yoder, 179; S. Goss, 179.

National First

Northern White Tail Ranch 48 - 29
Faustman's Insurance... 47 - 30
Hart Pontiac-GMC... 41 - 36
AuSable Construction... 39 - 38
Denholm Chiropractic... 38 - 39
Legion Lanes... 34 - 43
Corky's Karaoke... 33 - 44
Scott Pittman Builders... 28 - 49
High Series: D. Canfield, 769; J. Helsel, 641; M. Barr, 616.
High Game: M. Barr, 279; D. Canfield, 278; J. Helsel, 247.

American Men's League

Moore's Automotive... 14 - 07
McLean's ACE... 14 - 07
Helsel Forest Products... 12 - 09
GADCO... 10 - 11
Scheer Motors... 09 - 12
Warren Forest Products... 09 - 12
Fenton's Auto Service... 09 - 12
Forrest Brothers... 07 - 14
High Series: L. Davis Jr., 697; B. Trudeau, 664; T. Kotrash, 661.
High Game: J. Helsel, 257; T.

Devins, 256; L. Davis Jr., 253.

Sunday Nite Mixed Doubles

North Pure Ice... 53 - 24
Shady Acres... 47 - 30
Hart Pontiac-GMC... 43 - 34
Little Tyke Daycare... 43 - 34
Calkins Excavating... 35 - 42
Sparks... 30 - 47
D.X.R. Computers... 29 - 48
Wakeley's Auto Parts... 28 - 49
High Series Men: J. Helsel, 609; D. Yanniello, 600; S. Miller, 588.
High Game Men: J. Helsel, 224; D. Yanniello, 223; S. Miller, 218.
High Series Women: L. Holtcamp, 482; M. Miller, 468; T. Baker, 468.
High Game Women: E. Helsel, 202; T. Baker, 181; L. Holtcamp, 179.

Northwood

Corky's Karaoke... 28 - 16
Hart Pontiac-GMC... 25 - 19
Grayling Chiropractic... 23.5 - 20.5
Beckett Contracting... 23 - 21
North Michigan Financial... 22 - 22
Calkins Excavating... 21.5 - 22.5
Lucky & Laura's... 19 - 25
Hometown Furniture... 14 - 30
High Series: T. Rock, 583; S. France, 521; M. Miller, 503.
High Game: S. France, 204; T. Rock, 201; R. Owens, 192.

Friday Mixed Doubles

Charlie's Country Corner 30 - 14
Northern Cafe... 24.5 - 19.5
Double Trouble... 24 - 20
American Legion Lanes... 23 - 21
Ken's Tire & Auto... 22 - 22
Pick & Sons... 19.5 - 24.5
Piehl's Sawmill... 19 - 25
Moshier Auto Repair... 14 - 30
High Series Men: B. Trudeau, 670; D. Canfield, 598; D. Wallace, 586.
High Game Men: B. Trudeau, 276; D. Wallace, 219; D. Canfield, 218.
High Series Women: S. France, 505; K. Moshier, 489; D. Medina, 488.
High Game Women: S. Johnson, 210; D. Medina, 187; K. Moshier, 177.

Senior League

Grayling Pharmacy... 31 - 13
Sylvester's Sports... 24 - 20
Hall's Snow Removal... 24 - 20
Flowers By Josie... 23 - 21
Buccilli's Pizzeria... 20 - 24

Gray Rock... 20 - 24
Spike's Keg O' Nails... 19 - 25
Cornell Insurance... 14 - 30
High Series Men: G. Wolf, 544; K. Harris, 507; O. Brantly, 499.
High Game Men: G. Wolf, 202; H. Ingram, 189; B. Hollis, 181.
High Series Women: M. Rysso, 516; P. Harris, 479; I. Hatfield, 467.
High Game Women: R. Joyce, 198; D. Doremire, 188; M. Rysso, 182.

Grayling Area Youth Bowling Senior League

Tasmanian Devils... 26 - 10
Road Runners... 22 - 14
The Rugrats... 22 - 14
Looney Tunes... 21 - 15
Pokemon... 20 - 16
Wily Coyotes... 19 - 17
Johnny Bravo... 08 - 28
Woody Woodpecker... 06 - 30
High Series Boys: N. McNamar, 534; J. Messerschmidt, 492; M. Cousins, 488.
High Game Boys: J. Messerschmidt, 198; N. McNamar, 198; M. Cousins, 191.
High Series Girls: B. Yanniello, 567; K. Davis, 418; S. Helsel, 352.
High Game Girls: B. Yanniello, 222; K. Davis, 177; S. Helsel, 135.

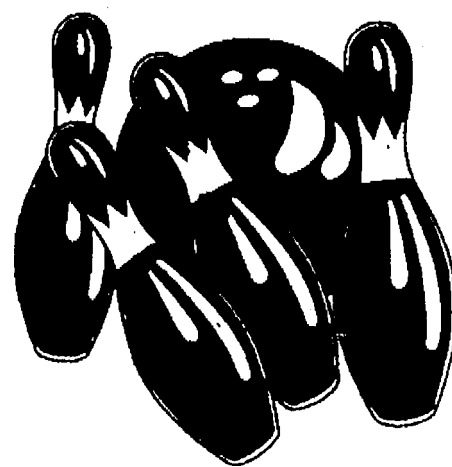
Junior League

Fantastic... 19 - 08
Flintstones... 15 - 12
Speed Racers... 15 - 12
Under Dogs... 15 - 12
Alley Cats... 15 - 12
The Sonics... 12 - 15
Goofy... 08 - 19
The Doo's... 08 - 19
High Series Boys: A. Love, 205; J. Helsel, 184; J. Richardson, 184.

POOL LEAGUE

Women's Standings

Swamp II... 84
Sawmill II... 72
Frederic Inn... 69
Spikes... 65
Gray Rock... 62
Am. Legion... 62
Plaza... 62
Sawmill I... 52
5 Ball Runs: Sandy (Sawmill II),



High Game Boys: A. Love, 106; J. Richardson, 104; D. Cody, 98; J. Helsel, 98.
High Series Girls: L. Johnson, 151; K. Messerschmidt, 137; L. Argue, 118.
High Game Girls: L. Johnson, 77; K. Messerschmidt, 76; L. Argue, 71.

PeeWee League

The Bats... 17 - 01
Samuel Jacks... 09 - 09
Gargoyle... 06 - 12
Rocket Power... 04 - 14
High Game Boys: A. Kiessel, 55; G. Metzger, 50; A. Brill, 43.
High Game Girls: K. Crouch, 54; C. Clark, 43.

So far this season the Grayling Area Youth Bowling League has had some excellent scores. These include:

High Series: Jeremy Messerschmidt, 650; Glenn Cousins, 608; Mike Barr Jr., 500.
High Game: Glenn Cousins, 278; Mike Barr Jr., 253; Jeremy Messerschmidt, 247.



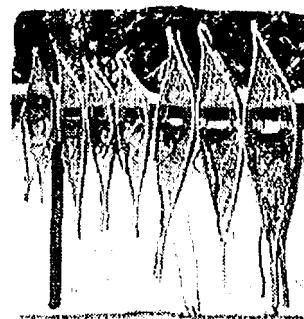
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File No. 02-1014-AY

In the matter of Alex Michael McArthur, adoptee to Ronda St. Andrew, 408 Spruce, Apt. 3, Grayling MI 49738.

Take Notice: On December 10, 2002, at 9:30 a.m. in the Gladwin County Probate courtroom, 401 W. Cedar Avenue, Gladwin, MI, before Thomas McLaughlin, Family Judge, a hearing will be held on the PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS. The law provides that you should be notified of this hearing. If you fail to appear at this hearing YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS MAY BE TERMINATED.

Dated: November 8, 2002

Christopher A. Swartz, P49840

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Saginaw, MI 48602

(989) 793-7000

Richard McArthur

P.O. Box 125

Gladwin, MI 48624

(989) 426-1291

Time, said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the County Bldg. in Grayling, Michigan (that being the building where the Circuit Court for the County of Crawford is held), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due, as aforesaid, on said mortgage, with interest thereon at 11.2500% per annum and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sum or sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interest in the premises. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece of parcel of land situated in the Township of South Branch, County of Crawford, State of Michigan, and described as follows, to wit:

Being Lot 69, and part of Lots 60, 61 and 62 of the recorded plat of River Forest, being part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4, of Section 21, part of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 28, and part of the North 1/2 of section 29, all in T25N, R2W, South Branch Township, Crawford County, Michigan, described as commencing at the Southwest corner of lot 69 for a point of beginning; Thence North 33 degrees 46' West 167.00 feet; Thence North 24 degrees 09' West 82.2 feet; Thence North 50 degrees 18' East 200.00 feet; Thence North 60 degrees 11' East 100.00 feet; Thence South 17 degrees 15' East 37.6 feet; Thence South 32 degrees 40' East 204.74 feet; Thence South 43 degrees 28' West 60.2 feet; Thence 190.5 feet along the Arc of a 9 degree 28' 30" curve to the right, the long chord of which bears South 52 degrees 29' 30" West 189.71 feet; Thence South 61 degrees 31' West 50.0 feet to the point of beginning. During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed, except that in the event that the property is determined to be abandoned pursuant to MCLA 600.3241a, the property may be redeemed during 30 days immediately following the sale.

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FORECLOSURE NOTICE

MORTGAGE SALE Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Dennis M. Bausman and Vicki L. Bausman, husband and wife, Mortgagors, to Commonpoint Mortgage, Mortgagee, dated the 16th day of September, 1997 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds, for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 26th day of September, 1997 in Liber 438 of Crawford County Records, page 553, said Mortgage having been assigned to The Bank of New York, as trustee under the pooling and servicing agreement dated as of November 30, 1997, Series 1997-I-D on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, the sum of Eighty Three Thousand Three Hundred Eighty Eight & 30/100 (\$83,388.30), and no suit or proceeding at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on the 4th day of December, 2002 at 10 o'clock a.m. Local

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

As a debt collector, we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose. Notify (248) 362-5459 if you are in active military duty.

Mortgage Sale Default having been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Leo M. Puller, unmarried of Crawford County, Michigan, Mortgagor to The Huntington National Bank dated the 1st

day of February, A.D. 2001, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on the 9th day of April, A.D. 2001, in Liber 533 of Crawford Records, on page 178, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due, at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of \$27,512.45 (Twenty seven thousand five hundred twelve dollars and forty-five cents) including interest there on at 9.74% (Nine point seventy-four) percent per annum.

And no suit proceedings at law or in equity having been instituted to recover the debt secured by said mortgage or any part thereof. Now, therefore, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage, and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that on Wednesday, the 4th day of December, A.D. 2002, at 10 a.m. o'clock said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door to the county building, in Grayling, Michigan, Crawford County, Michigan, of the premises described in said mortgage. Which said premises are described as follows: All that certain piece or parcel of land situate in the Township of Maple Forest, in the County of Crawford and State of Michigan and described as follows to wit:

Part of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 22, Township 28 North, Range 3 West, Maple Forest Township, Crawford County, Michigan; The Point of Beginning at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 22; thence North 0 degree 22 minutes East, (along the Section line), 250 feet; thence South 89 degrees 27 minutes 30 seconds East 515 feet; thence South 0 degree 22 minutes West 250 feet; thence North 89 degrees 27 minutes 30 seconds West 515 feet to the Point of Beginning. Commonly known as: 8536 Sherman Road

Tax ID: 020-022-007-070-00

The redemption period shall be six months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: October 31, 2002
Weltman, Weinberg & Reis Co., L.P.A.
Daniel E. Best (P58501)
Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage
755 W. Big Beaver Road, Suite 1820
Troy, Michigan 48064
WWR#02742159

31-7-14-21-28

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in

active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Oliver Hilliker and Jody L. Hilliker to the Cit Group/Consumer Finance Inc., Mortgagee, dated November 1, 2000, and recorded on November 20, 2000, in Liber 523, on page 093 Crawford County Records, Michigan, and assigned by said mortgagee to Altegra Credit Company, now known as National City Home Loan Services, Inc., by an assignment dated January 29, 2001, and recorded on April 3, 2002, in Liber 575, on page 543 Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of sixty six thousand twenty six and 27/100 (\$66,026.27), including interest at 11.240% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on December 18, 2002.

Said premises are situated in Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel f, a parcel of land located in the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of Section 29, Town 26 North, Range 2 West, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, being further described as follows: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 29, Town 26 North, Range 2 West; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes 33 seconds West along the West Section line 989.26 feet for a point of beginning, thence continuing North 00 degrees, 05 minutes, 33 seconds West 325.26 feet to a 1/2 inch times 18 inches Bar and cap #30083; thence South 89 degrees 53 minutes 45 seconds East along the North 1/8 line 321.27 feet; thence South 00 degrees 05 minutes 46 seconds East, 325.17 feet; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 45 seconds West, 321.29 feet to the point of beginning. Together with and subject to a road and utility easement described as follows: Commencing at the West 1/4 corner of said Section 29, Town 26 North, Range 2 West; thence North 00 degrees 05 minutes; 33 seconds West along the West Section line 956.26 feet for a point of beginning; thence continuing North 00 degrees 05 minutes 33 seconds West, 66.00 feet; thence South 89 degrees 54 minutes 45 seconds East 655.81 feet thence along the arc of a non-tangent curve to the right, said curve having a radius of 100.00 feet; are length of 561.60 feet, central angle of 321 degrees 56 minutes 25 seconds, a chord bearing of South 00 degrees 05 minutes 15 seconds West, and a chord length of 66.00 feet; thence North 89 degrees 54 minutes 45 seconds, West, 655.60 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 14, 2002
For Information, Please Call
Congars 248-593-1301
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors

30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200230609
Congars

-14-21-28-05-12

NOTICE OF MORTGAGE FORECLOSURE SALE

This firm is a debt collector attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose. Please contact our office at the number below if you are in active military duty.

MORTGAGE SALE - Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Denise Marie Elekonich a married woman and Jerry L. Elekonich her husband (original mortgagors) to Citizens Bank, Mortgagee, dated May 21, 1999, and recorded on June 17, 1999 in Liber 484 on Page 168 in Crawford County Records, Michigan and was assigned by said mortgagee to the Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., as assignee by an assignment dated May 21, 1999, which was recorded on September 15, 1999, in Liber 490 on Page 532 Crawford County Records, and re-recorded on October 26, 1999, in Liber 494 on Page 03, Crawford County Records, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy-One Thousand Five Hundred Forty-Two and 30/100 dollars (\$71,542.30), including interest at 7.250% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of the County Building in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on December 18, 2002.

Said premises are situated in Township of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Lot No. 7, Shangri-LA Subdivision, Grayling Township, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Pages 3 and 4, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 month(s) from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 14, 2002
For Information, Please Call
Mustangs 248-593-1306
Trott & Trott, P.C.
Attorneys and Counselors
30400 Telegraph Road, Suite 200
Bingham Farms, MI 48025
File # 200230845
Mustangs

-14-21-28-05-12

LEGAL ACTION

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

This firm is attempting to collect a debt. Any information we obtain will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by Kerry L. Burke, a single woman, of 104 Woodleaf, Grayling, Michigan, 49738, to The United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service, United States Department of Agriculture, with its District Office being located at 240 W. Wright Street,

West Branch, Michigan, 48661, the Mortgagee, such Mortgage being dated April 27, 1998 and recorded June 4, 1998 in Liber 455 in Crawford County Records on Pages 155-160, such Mortgage being given to secure a Promissory Note payable to the Government, and by reason of such default the Mortgagee elects to declare the entire unpaid amount of such Mortgage due and payable forthwith, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest, the sum of Eighty Three Thousand Six Hundred Sixty Four and 83/100 (\$83,664.83), and no proceedings having been instituted at law or equity to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative;

Now, Therefore, Notice is Hereby Given

that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage and in pursuance of the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the south door of the County Building at 200 West Michigan Avenue in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on the 18th day of December, 2002, at 10:00 a.m., local time, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount due as aforesaid on the Mortgage together with 6.75% percent interest, legal costs, attorneys' fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises described in said Mortgage are situated in the Township of Grayling, County of Crawford and State of Michigan, and are described as:

Lot 13, Woodhurst, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 3 of Plats, Page 5, Crawford County Records.

During the six (6) months immediately following the sale, the property may be redeemed unless the property is abandoned, in which case the redemption shall be thirty (30) days from the date of sale.

For further information with regard to this foreclosure, contact USDA - Rural Development, 1501 Cass Street, Suite A, Traverse City, Michigan, 49684, telephone (231) 941-0951.

Dated: November 20, 2002
Michael I. Conlon (P43954)
Running, Wise & Ford, P.L.C.
326 E. State Street, P.O. Box 686
Traverse City, MI 49685-0686
(231) 946-2700

United States of America, acting through the Rural Housing Service, United States Dept. of Agriculture, Mortgagee

-21-28-5-12

STATE OF MICHIGAN 55TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT FAMILY DIVISION GLADWIN COUNTY NOTICE OF HEARING TERMINATION OF PARENTAL RIGHTS

File No. 02-1018-AY
In the matter of Nichole Renee-Kay McArthur, adoptee to Ronda St. Andrew, 408 Spruce, Apt. 3, Grayling MI 49738.

"Take Notice: On December 10, 2002, at 9:30 a.m. in the Gladwin County Probate courtroom, 401 W. Cedar Avenue, Gladwin, MI, before Thomas McLaughlin, Family Judge, a hearing will be held on the PETITION TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS. The law provides that you should

be notified of this hearing. If you fail to appear at this hearing YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS MAY BE TERMINATED.

Dated: November 8, 2002
Christopher A. Swartz, P49840
908 Court Street
Saginaw, MI 48602
(989) 793-7000
Richard McArthur
P.O. Box 125
Gladwin, MI 48624
(989) 426-1291

Assignee of Mortgagee

-21-28-5-12-19

P.O. Box 5041
Troy, MI 48067-5041
(248) 457-1000
File No. 209.1654

-31-7-14-21-28

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

THIS FIRM IS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED WILL BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE. PLEASE CONTACT OUR OFFICE AT THE NUMBER BELOW IF YOU ARE IN ACTIVE MILITARY DUTY.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Eddie A. Babcock, single and Denise M. Wahl, single, as joint tenants, to Advanta National Bank, mortgagee, dated March 29, 1999 and recorded April 27, 1999 in Liber 479, Page 610, Crawford County Records. Said mortgage is now held by Deutsche Bank National Trust Company, as Custodian or Trustee, f/k/a Bankers Trust Company of California, N.A., by assignment dated August 20, 2001 and recorded on September 25, 2001 in Liber 553, Page 503, Crawford County Records. There is claimed to be due on such mortgage the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-Three and 7/100 Dollars (\$65,373.07) including interest at the rate of 8.75% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in the mortgage and the statutes of the State of Michigan, notice is hereby given that the mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue at the front door of the County Building in Grayling in Crawford County, Michigan at 10:00 a.m. on December 4, 2002.

The premises are located in the Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan, and are described as:

Parcel A: Part of the N 1/2 of the S 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of section 28, T26N, R2W, described as commencing at the SW corner of said section 28, thence no degrees 06'E (along the West section line) 1661.69 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing NO degrees 06'E 114 feet; thence S 89 degrees 20'15"W 1318.93 feet to the West 1/8 line; thence S0 degrees 05'45"W (along the West 1/8 line) 114 feet; thence N89 degrees 20'15"W 1318.95 feet to the point of beginning.

Parcel B: Part of the N 1/2 of the S 1/2 of the NW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 28, T26N, R2W, described as commencing at the SW corner of said section 28, thence NO degrees 06'E (along the West section line) 1775.69 feet to the point of beginning; thence continuing NO degrees 06'E 218.33 feet; thence S89 degrees 20'30"W 1318.90 feet to the West 1/8 line; thence S0 degrees 05'45"W (along the West 1/8 line) 218.45 feet; thence N89 degrees 20'15"W 1318.93 feet to the point of beginning.

The redemption period shall be 12 months from the date of such sale, unless the property is determined abandoned in accordance with MCLA §600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of the sale. The foreclosing mortgagee can rescind the sale in the event a 3rd party buys the property and there is a simultaneous resolution with the borrower.

Dated: October 31, 2002
Orlans Associates PC
Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, One M & T Plaza
Buffalo, NY 14203-2399
Trustee for securitization series 1999-2 Agreement dated 3-01-99

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Michelle C. Oberg, an unmarried woman, individual to American Heritage, Inc., The State of Michigan, Mortgagee, dated February 20, 1999 and recorded on March 5, 1999, in Liber 476, on page 194 Crawford County Records, Michigan, and assigned by mesne assignment to Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, One M & T Plaza Buffalo, NY 14203-2399, Trustee for securitization series 1999-2 agreement dated 3-01-99, by an assignment dated July 9, 2002, and recorded on July 22, 2002, in Liber 589, on page 378 Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of thirty thousand six hundred twenty four and 69/100 dollars (\$30,624.69), including interest at 10.700% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI at 10:00 a.m. on January 8, 2003.

Said premises are situated in the City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

Lot 1, Block 5 of Hadley's Second Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Liber 01 of Plats, page 10, Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948 CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 21, 2002
Attorney for: Assignee of Mortgagee
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
For information please call:
(248) 540-7701
Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, One M & T Plaza
Buffalo, NY 14203-2399
Trustee for securitization series 1999-2 Agreement dated 3-01-99

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting commencing at 10:00 a.m.) on Thursday, December 5, 2002, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, PO Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for the following item:

FOR ONE SINGLE AXLE TRUCKS 35,000# GVWR

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address.

Submit bids in a sealed envelope that is clearly marked with the words: "Single Axle Truck Bid". The Crawford County Road Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications, to withhold any and all trade-in options of the Road Commission, and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners
Thomas Perry, Chairman
John Hartman, Vice-Chairman
Ken Riehle, Commissioner

USDA-FOREST SERVICE HURON-MANISTEE NATIONAL FORESTS MIO RANGER DISTRICT

NATIONAL FOREST TIMBER SALE, Huron-Manistee National Forests. The Canoe Harbor Timber Sale is located within T26N, R2W, Sections 34, 35, and 36. Sealed bids will be received by the District Ranger's Office, 401 N. Court Street, Mio, MI 48647 at 3:00 p.m. local time on December 17, 2002, for an estimated 3,806 CCF marked or otherwise designated for cutting. The estimated volume by species product and minimum bid rate is: 409 CCF Hardwood-Other Sawtimber at \$24.28 per CCF, 202 CCF Aspen Sawtimber at \$21.95 per CCF, 2525 CCF Hardwood-Other Pulpwood at \$9.64 per CCF, 62 CCF Jack Pine Pulpwood at \$32.47 per CCF, and 408 CCF Aspen Pulpwood at \$14.99 per CCF.

The required bid guarantee is \$4,700.00. The right to reject any and all bids is reserved. A prospectus is available to the public and interested bidders.

Complete information concerning the timber, conditions of sale, and submission of bids is available to the public from the District Ranger, U.S.D.A. Forest Service, Mio Ranger District, 401 N. Court Street, Mio, MI 48647, (phone at (989) 826-3252, TTY (989) 826-3592), or the Forest Supervisor, Cadillac, MI.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Grayling Housing Commission will be holding a public hearing on its Agency Plan. The Annual Plan is a compilation of the Housing Commissioner's functional policies. The Five-year Plan is a guide for Housing Commission activities in the future.

As these plans are constructed, the Housing Commission must allow public review of these policies and allow for comment. Therefore, as of November 1, the Agency Plan and its constituent plans will be available for public review at the Housing Commission's office, located at 308 Lawndale Drive. At the regularly scheduled meeting, on December 10th, at 6:30 p.m. public hearings will be held in order to receive any public comments on the plans.

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The Crawford County Road Commission will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. (for a bid opening during the regular meeting commencing at 10:00 a.m.) on Thursday, December 5, 2002, at their Grayling office located at 500 Huron Street, PO Box 648, Grayling, MI 49738-0648, for the following item:

FOR TWO (2) TANDEM AXLE TRUCKS 64,000# GVWR

Specifications may be obtained by contacting the Crawford County Road Commission at the above address.

Submit bids in a sealed envelope that is clearly marked with the words: "Tandem Axle Truck Bid". The Crawford County Road Commission reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive irregularities in the bid, to waive details in the specifications, to withhold any and all trade-in options of the Road Commission, and to accept the bid deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County.

Board of Crawford County Road Commissioners
Thomas Perry, Chairman
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Ken Riehle, Commissioner

ATTENTION PROPERTY OWNERS

If you have unpaid 2000 and/or 1998 taxes, the **STATE OF MICHIGAN** will be publishing in the Crawford County Avalanche legal descriptions and **NAMES OF ALL INTERESTED PARTIES** on December 23, 2002, December 30, 2002 and January 6, 2003.

To avoid publication, 2000 and/or 1998 taxes must be paid in full by Monday, December 2, 2002. **PAYMENTS MADE AFTER DECEMBER 2, 2002 WILL NOT PREVENT PUBLICATION. ALSO, A \$50.00 PUBLICATION FEE WILL BE ADDED TO ANY PAYMENT RECEIVED AFTER DECEMBER 2, 2002.**

Payments will be accepted by **CASH, CERTIFIED CHECK, OR MONEY ORDER ONLY.**

NO PERSONAL CHECKS OR CREDIT CARDS!!

NOTE NEW OFFICE HOURS:

MONDAY THRU FRIDAY

8:30 A.M. - NOON

1:00 P.M. - 3:30 P.M.

PHONE: 989-344-3204 Joe Wakeley

989-344-3231 Dan Weaver

EMAIL: jwakeley@crawfordco.org

dweaver@crawfordco.org

Joseph V. Wakeley
Crawford County Treasurer

FORECLOSURE NOTICE

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MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a certain mortgage made by: Kimberly Bofysil, and Dennis Ray Bofysil, husband and wife to Stone Castle Home Loans, a California Corporation, Mortgagee, dated August 31, 2000 and recorded September 18, 2000 in Liber 517, Page 519, Crawford County Records, Michigan. Said mortgage was assigned thru mesne assignments to: Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as trustee for Amortizing Residential Collateral Trust 2001-BC4 assignment dated November 27, 2000, and recorded June 5, 2002 in Liber 584, Page 47, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of Seventy One Thousand Five Hundred Eighty Five and 96/100 (\$71,585.96), including interest at 12.25% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door to the County Bldg. in Grayling, Michigan at 10:00 o'clock a.m. on Wednesday, November 18, 2002. Said premises are situated in Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

Lot 54, Manistee River Woods, Township of Frederic, Crawford County, Michigan, as recorded in Liber 2 of Plats, Page 16, Crawford County Records. The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 8, 2002
Wells Fargo Bank Minnesota, N.A., as trustee for Amortizing Residential Collateral Trust 2001-BC4
Assignee of Mortgage
Attorneys: Potestivo & Associates, P.C.
36150 Dequindre Rd, Ste 620
Sterling Heights, MI 48310
(586) 795-4400 Ext 110
Our File No: 02-10310

-14-21-28-05-12

Notice of Mortgage Foreclosure Sale

Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C. is a debt collector and we are attempting to collect a debt and any information obtained will be used for that purpose.

MORTGAGE SALE: Default has been made in the conditions of a mortgage made by Anthony Pizzi an unmarried man to AAA Mortgage & Financial Corporation, A Michigan Corporation now known as Commontpoint Mortgage, A Michigan Corporation Mortgagee, dated September 7, 1996, and recorded on September 17, 1996, in Liber 418, on page 48 Crawford County Records, Michigan and assigned by MESNE assignment to Manufacturers and Traders Trust Company, One M & T Plaza, NY 14203-2399, Trustee for Securitization Series 1996-4, Agreement Dated December 12, 1996, by an assignment dated July 10, 2001, and recorded on July 25, 2001, in Liber 0544, on page 038 Crawford County Records, Michigan, on which mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date hereof the sum of thirty four thousand three hundred twenty two and 55/100 Dollars (\$34,322.55), including interest at 13.450% per annum.

Under the power of sale contained in said mortgage and the statute in such case made and provided, notice is hereby given that said mortgage will be foreclosed by a sale of the mortgaged premises, or some part of them, at public venue, at the front door of County Building, Grayling, MI at 10:00 a.m. on December 11, 2002.

Said premises are situated in City of Grayling, Crawford County, Michigan and are described as:

Lot 11 Block 4 O.M. Barnes Addition to the Village (now City) of Grayling Crawford County Michigan according to the Plat thereof recorded in Liber 01 of Plats Page 05 Crawford County Records.

The redemption period shall be 6 months from the date of such sale, unless determined abandoned in accordance with 1948CL 600.3241a, in which case the redemption period shall be 30 days from the date of such sale.

Dated: November 7, 2002
Attorney for: Assignee of Mortgagee
Robert A. Tremain & Associates, P.C.
401 South Old Woodward Avenue
Suite 300
Birmingham, MI 48009-6616
For information please call:
(248) 540-7701
Manufacturers & Traders Trust Company, One M & T Plaza
New York, 14203-2399
Trustee for Securitization Series 1996-4 Agreement Dated: December 12, 1996
Assignee of Mortgagee

-07-14-21-28



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FEATURES

A LOOK AT OUR PAST FROM THE PAGES OF THE AVALANCHE

23 Years Ago
November 22, 1979

With the publication of this week's *Avalanche* an era has ended that covered 100 years.

This past week the *Avalanche* has been in the process of moving from the building that has housed the newspaper's operation for 100 years to their new quarters at 100 Michigan Avenue.

With the advent of offset printing of which the newspaper has been printed since 1967, the need of much of the equipment used in letter-press printing became obsolete and has not been used for some time.

The Downtown Merchants Association is once again sponsoring its Crawford County Home Decorating Contest offering \$225 in prize money.

Taking last year's prizes were Mr. and Mrs. Kip Papendick, first place; Joe LaGrow, second place; and Dave Reynolds, third place.

Fourteen lucky first-day niners entered deer at Grayling's Buck Pole opening day at the city park. First buck in was shot by Harold Helsel, a 6-point, 129-pounder entered at 8:00 a.m. He won \$20 for being first in.

Ralph Kelly and Harold Christenson shared top prize in the largest rack category with 10-pointers.

Gerald Chase of Flint took top

prize for the heaviest buck, a 170-pound beauty. Fourteen year old Corina Davis was the youngest hunter to enter and Roberta Fowler received the award for first female to enter.

Rounding out the top ten prize winners were Donald Doyle, Robert Cherry, Barry Morley, Scott Rasmussen, Norman Hull, James Shedlowsky and Vince Garrisi.

The need to replace the county ambulance, beginning to show its age after seven years of service to county residents, was the topic of discussion at a special meeting of concerned Crawford County citizens.

Faced with the knowledge that no county or federal funding is available in the foreseeable future, the group agreed to make an appeal to county residents to generate enough money to replace the vehicle. In order to purchase a 1979 model, \$35,000 must be raised.

Bill Bonkowski, President of the Regional Chamber of Commerce, announced that Grayling has been selected and asked to participate in Michigan's March of Dimes "Celebrity 250 Super Run". The activity will center around the Holiday Inn Holodome, which connects to snowmobile trails.

The Kiwanis Flowers to the Living Award was presented to

Jack Alef, local bank president and longtime Kiwanis member.

The Flowers to the Living Award was initiated by the late Forney Clement, with the philosophy that people should receive flowers while they could still smell them.

46 Years Ago
November 22, 1956

At the regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce, a motion was made and seconded that the Chamber Board gather necessary data to determine amount of state and federal lands contained within the borders of Crawford County and to organize to have tax payment of these lands raised from 10 cents to 25 cents per acre.

Work began on the construction of a new 40 by 146 foot addition to the Bear Archery Company plant.

Michigan's new drivers education law will become fully effective on February 2, 1957. According to this law, persons under 18 will not be licensed to drive after that date unless they have taken and passed a course in drivers education.

The Frederic Eagles got their basketball season underway with a double victory Friday night.

Larry Baynham lead the way in scoring with 28 points. Bruce Welch added 10 and Alfie Hummel 7.

69 Years Ago
November 23, 1933

The slight opposition to the

bond issue that came up for special election, was quite a surprise. By our votes we have wiped out our greatest community drawback-impure water. Now when the new system is operational, patrons will be served with pure water, fit for all domestic uses. The new pumping plant will be placed in the new city park, where there is ample room and where it will be centrally located.

A team selected from the school Intramural League was defeated in a fast game of basketball by Frederic on the latter's floor last night. The score was 26 to 21.

Dancing at the Temple Theatre will be held every Saturday night starting November 25. Everybody is welcome. Cost is 40 cents per couple, extra lady free.

Mrs. Delbert Wheeler bagged a 10 point buck on Wednesday.

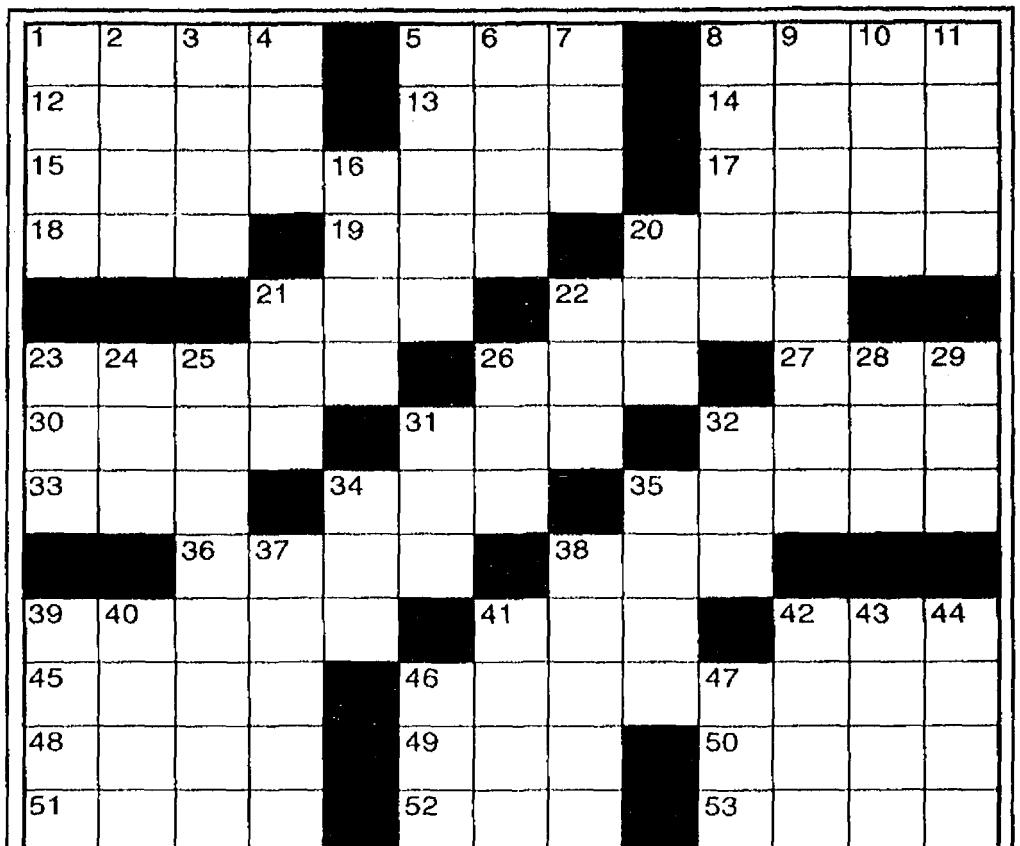
92 Years Ago
November 24, 1910

Reports from Frederic show that the smallpox situation is much better and probably the disease is under control.

Burt Wilcox has his barn, which has been well underway for some time, thoroughly completed and ready for winter's stock.

Esbern Hanson puts his feet under his own table in the residence lately vacated by R. Roblin. Mr. Hanson and his bride are to be congratulated.

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33. Modern: prefix
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35. Emulate Ruth in the Bible
36. Train whistle
38. Encyclopedia unit: abbr.
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41. San Diego feature
42. The Karate _____
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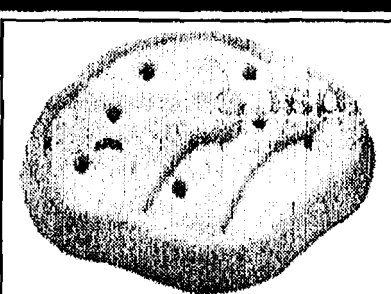
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9. Do a magician's trick
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11. New Haven institution
16. Channel marker
20. Make a stab at
21. Mom's medicine: abbr.
22. Falstaffian
23. Calendar abbr.
24. Unloft, in poesy
25. Workout outfits
26. Name
28. R.R. stop
29. Barbie's boyfriend
31. Singer Natalie's father
32. Length measure
34. "I _____ You Babe"
35. Word before Book or Friday
37. Whether _____ (2 wds.)
38. Diva's asset
39. Latch
40. Firm up one's muscles
41. Kooky
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ANSWERS IN THE CLASSIFIEDS

It's Girl Scout Cookie Time!

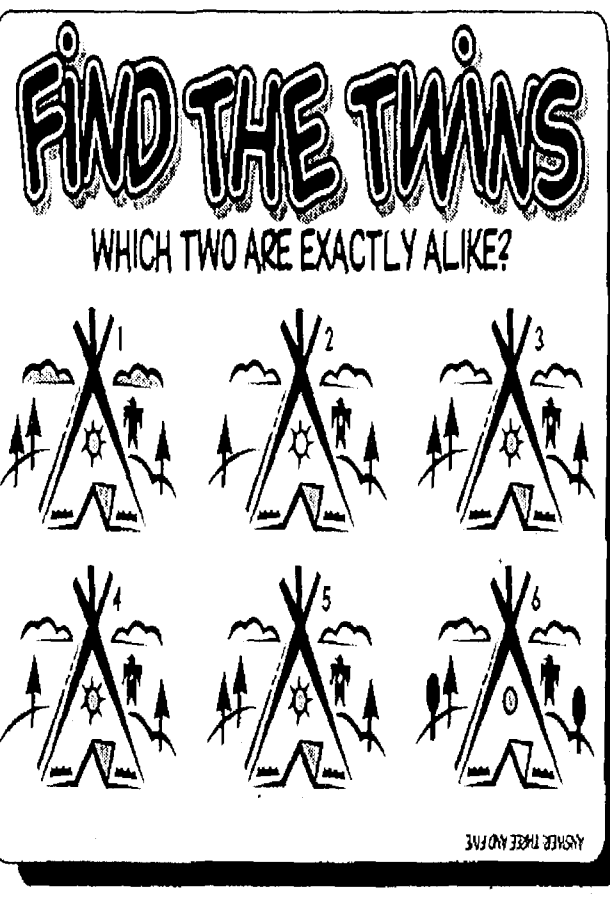
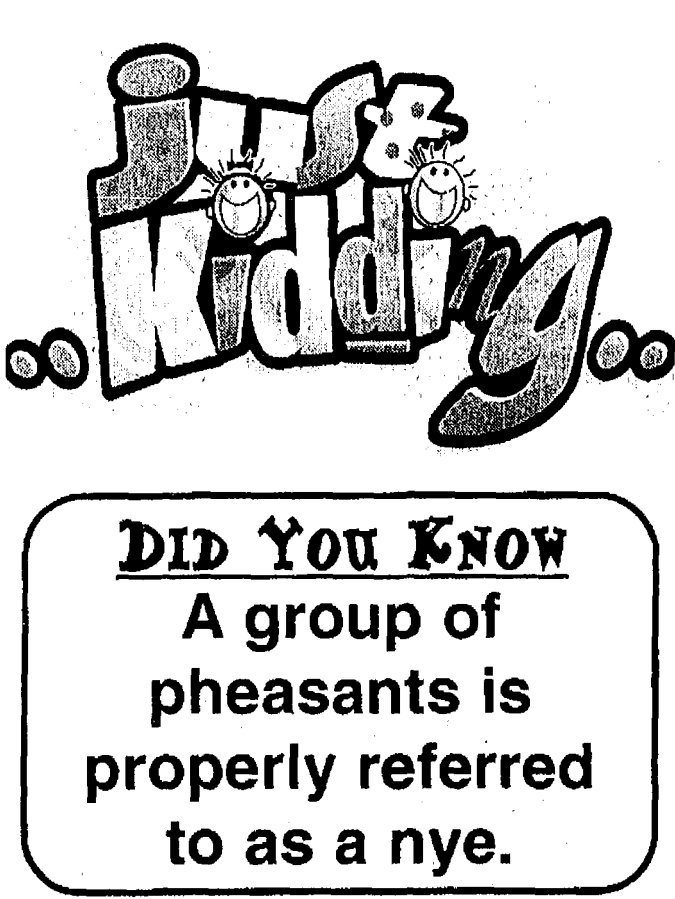
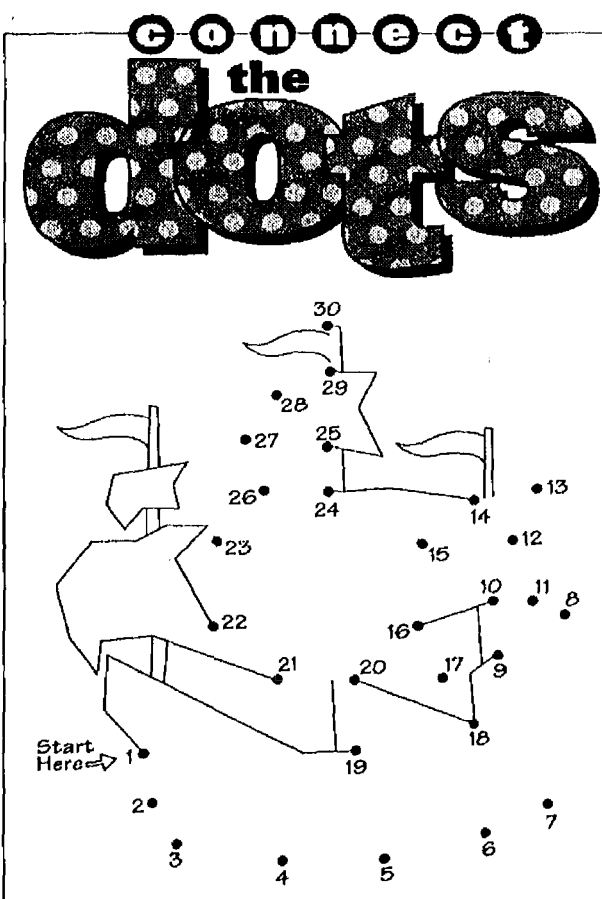
RECIPE OF THE WEEK



Brifeld Sweet Potato Cookies

- 2 c. steamed mashed potatoes
- 1/4 c. brown sugar
- 4 1/4 c. white sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/4 c. butter
- 1 Tbl. milk
- 1 Tbl. vanilla flavoring
- 1/2 Tbl. nutmeg

- 2 c. Trefoil cookies ground up (24)
 - 1 c. sweet potato filling
- In a mixing bowl, stir until all crumbs are moistened. Set aside. Spray cookie sheet with cooking oil. Drop 1 tablespoon of the cookie mix on a cookie sheet. Bake for 20-25 minutes in a 350 degree oven.



Adopt a Pet



Nate is a Newfoundland Mix. He is about 1 year old and a great, happy guy. Please call 348-4117 for more information on opening your home to a homeless animal. Or, e-mail: animal_director@yahoo.com.

Don't forget to stop by the Eagles' Hall this Saturday during the Auxiliary's Craft and Bake Sale. Start your Christmas shopping early! We have four great new games to offer as a fundraiser: Dog-Opoly, Cat-Opoly, Wild Animal-Opoly and Ocean-Opoly! These games are fun while being educational and make a great gift for any kid of any age on your gift-giving list! Only \$25 each and all proceeds go to help the animals in our care. We also have gift baskets for your favorite feline or pooch, cookbooks and much more! Games are also available for purchase at J.Dap Co. in Grayling.

Our "Creature Comforts Cookbook" is still available for a donation of \$15. Stop by the Shelter, the Grayling Hospital for Animals, the *Avalanche*, Riverland Gear, The Medicine Shoppe, or Stevens Family Circle and get your copy today. It, too makes a great gift.

The Animal Shelter of Crawford County is located at:
508 1/2 Huron Street (M-72 East) in Grayling
Between the Road Commission and the Eagles Hall

Hours: Mon. - Sat. 9 am - 1 pm; Sun. and Holidays 8 am - 11 am
After hour appointments available. Call (989) 348-4117

HOROSCOPES

For the Week of November 21, 2002



CAPRICORN

December 22-January 19

Challenges seem to come fast and furious, but the answers will come when you need them, even if it's from an unexpected source. Tackle that long-overdue repair project.



ARIES

March 21-April 19

Realize your strengths and know that you can cope with almost any situation. Keep your thoughts to yourself until you've had a chance to sound out others. Buy a little gift for that special someone.



CANCER

June 22-July 22

A special connection to a friend or loved one gives you a boost. Sharing your feelings leads to unexpected results! Pay attention to your investments.



LIBRA

September 23-October 22

Seeking special favors or making outrageous demands won't get you where you want to be—it's time to cooperate and see others' views. A night out with friends and family makes you feel better.



AQUARIUS

January 20-February 18

You face a multitude of special requests and demands on your time and talents. Know what you can do and be willing to say "no" to some. A unique approach or idea pays off.



TAURUS

April 20-May 20

Reach out and connect with someone who needs assistance and guidance. Long-distance communication plays a vital part. Stick to diet and exercise plans.



LEO

July 23-August 22

Now is a good time to update your image and make any necessary changes to present a better picture to others. You'll know what to say and when to say it.



SCORPIO

October 23-November 21

Be patient and realize that present situations will pass. You're close to achieving a long-awaited goal. Share good feelings with friends and family.



GEMINI

May 21-June 21

You're on a roll as your talents and abilities start to shine. Things that have been happening behind the scenes take center stage and you'll be pleasantly surprised.



VIRO

August 23-September 22

Spending quality time with family and friends is on the agenda. Some quiet time alone allows you to catch up on plans and projects. Someone from the past is headed back, so be ready to back.



SAGITTARIUS

November 22-December 21

Focus on sharing your dreams and plans, and be ready to listen in return. Think big! Your life is on the upswing. You're in demand but remember to watch your budget.

WEATHER

Courtesy of the City of Grayling

Last Week

Date	H	L	Rain
11/13	37	27	
11/14	44	29	
11/15	41	19	
11/16	28	8	
11/17	30	11	
11/18	35	17	.08
11/19	40	23	

Extended Forecast

(Courtesy of the Weather.com)

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
High 44	High 37	High 32	High 39	High 32	High 34
Low 28	Low 22	Low 24	Low 23	Low 20	Low 17
Light Rain	Snow Showers	Partly Cloudy	Few Showers	Snow Showers	Light Snow

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Classifieds must be paid for in advance
 Display Advertising Rate - \$6.30 per column inch
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 www.townnews.com/avalanche/
 Classified by the word deadline - 12 noon, Tuesday

Crawford County Avalanche

1. Real Estate

MANY NORTHERN MICHIGAN PROPERTIES www.century21grayling.com (1/7/99)(1/1)

LOCAL PIZZA RESTAURANT Drastically reduced, motivated seller. Call for details. Don Bowers, Century 21. (989) 348-7966 (-21/1)

WANTING TO PURCHASE RV Campground, for sale by owner. All calls confidential. Call Don Bowers, Century 21. (989) 348-7966 (-21/1)

1. Real Estate

MOBILE HOME PARK & Camp Ground Land Contract terms. (989) 348-8959 (7/11/02)(1/1)

LOT IN WOODS 1/3 acre Highway 72, eight miles west of Grayling to Goose Creek Rd. \$4,900 (517) 423-3636 (-21/1)

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1. Real Estate

15 ACRES Prime hunting, borders state land. Secluded mixture White Pine and Oak. \$29,900 Possible Land Contract. Call (989) 348-9686. (-21/1)

LOW LOW MORTGAGE RATES Loan Closing three weeks or less. Northland Area Credit Union. 1-800-336-2328 (8/8/02)(1/1)

NEWLY BUILT 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath. Two car attached garage. Five miles east of Grayling. \$92,000 (989) 348-4840 (-14-21-28-51)

2. For Rent

OFFICE/RETAIL SPACE for rental, 1,200 sq. ft. immediate opening in neon plaza, Kalkaska. Call Sandy (231) 258-8377 between 9:00 to 3:00. (10/24/02)(1/2)

EFFICIENCY CABINS \$310 per month, \$310 security, \$50 cleaning fee. \$295 per month, \$295 security, \$50 cleaning fee. Utilities not included. (989) 348-5124 (-21/2)

TWO BEDROOM, TWO BATH duplex. Appliances furnished, close to town. \$600 month. Phone (989) 348-8066. (-21-28-5/2)

ONE BEDROOM HOME Located in town \$375 a month and for other rentals available call Ron at (989) 348-6761. (9/5/02)(1/2)

MOBILE HOME FOR RENT No pets. Old 27 north, Timberly Village Mobile Home Park. (8/22/02)(1/2)

2. For Rent

ONE ROOM FURNISHED CABIN Monthly, weekly, or nightly. Call (989) 348-8350. (8/29/02)(1/2)

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME Inquire at Timberly Village Mobile Home Park. (10/10/02)(1/2)

TWO BEDROOM MOBILE HOME for rent, no pets. Timberly Village Mobile Home Park, 1-75 Business Loop North. (11/21/02)(1/2)

ONE OR TWO BEDROOM APARTMENT Conveniently located in Grayling. \$375 per month plus utilities, deposit required. Call (999) 348-2833. (-21-28/2)

LARGE ONE BEDROOM Apartment for rent in the town of Grayling. Nice and clean, private parking, laundry facilities, air conditioning, utilities not included. \$295 per month, references and deposit required. Call (989) 348-6552. (-21-28/2)

2. For Rent

THREE BEDROOM APARTMENT in city. \$525 per month plus deposit and utilities. Call (989) 348-4443 (-7-14-21/2)

ONE BEDROOM IN TOWN on AuSable. \$380 per month plus utilities, no pets. References required. (989) 731-4544 (-7-14-21/2)

TWO BEDROOM home, gas heat five miles from town. \$475 per month plus deposit. (989) 348-5428 (11/14/02)(1/2)

TWO BEDROOM HOUSE on Old Lake Rd. \$500 plus utilities and security. (989) 348-5230 (-21-28/2)

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ONE BEDROOM DUPLEX \$425 including utilities plus security. (989) 348-5230 (-21-28/2)

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HOUSE FOR RENT Two bedroom, one bath, washer, dryer hookup. Refrigerator, range included. Utilities not included. No pets. \$425 month plus \$425 security deposit. 6272 Old Lake Rd., Grayling. (989) 348-4716 (11/21/02)(1/2)

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2.5 high and dry acres with 275 feet of riverfront near McMasters bridge. The locals know this is as some of the greatest fly water in the entire AuSable Watershed. Prolific hatches, deep pools and broad riffles characterize this terrific water. \$87,500

Contact Chad Brown (231) 258-5309



Finally, affordable Manistee River property! 100' of frontage. Cute cabin being sold furnished with screened in porch, 2 bedroom, 1 bath. Possible Land contract terms. \$89,900

Contact Dave Felker (877) 264-5440



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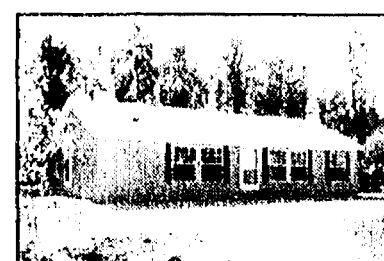
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Motivated Seller Well maintained, 3 bedroom, two bath home situated on two lots, has a deeded easement to the AuSable River, and backs up to State Land. Featuring a master bedroom suite, solid 6 panel wood interior doors, large kitchen with island, paved driveway, shed, and tons of beautiful landscaping! Seller Relocating. \$128,000 #5043



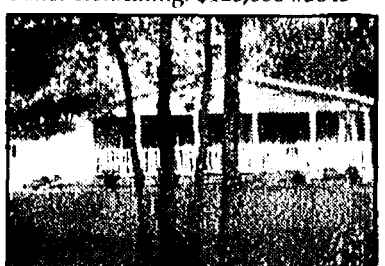
Brand new three bedroom two bath home. This home features a very nice split floor plan, and large master suite bath. Home has 5/12 pitch roof, upgrade insulation package, 5 block crawl space, and private deeded Manistee River access. \$79,900 #5044



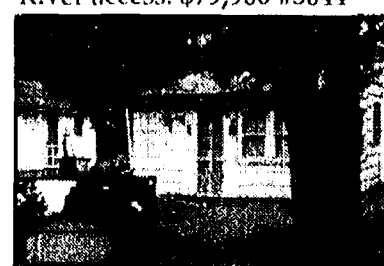
Want State Land across the road from your corner lot, recreational get-away? How about State Land kiddy-corner from you too? Then this clean mobile is the perfect spot for you. Situated between Mio and Rose City, it is the perfect spot for recreational fun. \$31,500 #4947



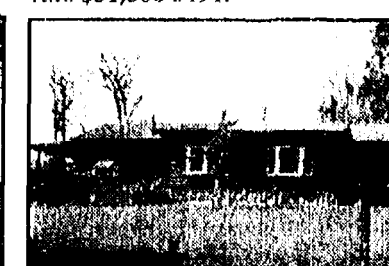
Very well maintained home built in 1999 with three bedrooms and two baths. Includes master bedroom with bath and walk-in closet. This home has central air conditioning, a two car garage, very nice deck and extensive landscaping, also blacktop driveway. \$143,000 #4999



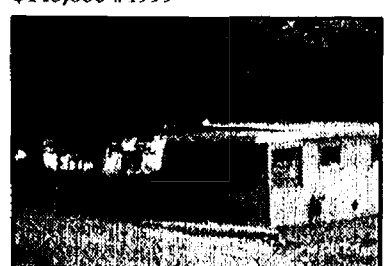
Very close to Lake Margrethe without lake value taxes! Like brand new, and ready for immediate occupancy. Large kitchen with island counter, many windows and sliding glass door to covered porch. Enjoy the amenities of Lake recreational activities, snowmobiling, fishing, and hunting. \$141,900 #5046



Nice two bedroom cabin with a bunk house/bathroom combination with a Zodi Hot Tap shower system and an Incinole Toilet, and a 24X24 garage. All on 1.84 wooded acres just minutes from Grayling. \$37,000 #4962



Stunning log sided home with hardwood flooring, and fireplace located on 5+ acres with a 185 feet of frontage on beautiful Goose Creek. Canoe or tube to the Manistee River from your backyard. State Land adjacent to property. Property features a 44X49 barn, horse coral, covered porch, deck, patio, and fire pit. Enjoy the quiet, serene country living Crawford County offers at its finest. \$165,000 #4961



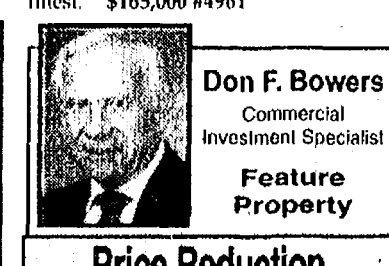
Older Mobile Home has a 8 X 12 addition. Property is located in the quaint village of Frederic within walking distance of all the shopping and night life the village of Frederic has to offer. Call Allen \$12,900 #4926



Reasonably priced two bedroom manufactured home with two car garage and RV storage building. Located 1.5 miles north of Frederic off Old 27, within 300 feet of the snowmobile trail. Enjoy the serene Northern Michigan life from this affordable property. Immediate Occupancy. \$77,000 #5038



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Department Clerk

Department clerk position performing wide range of clerical duties for a busy business office available immediately. Position is full-time with competitive wage and benefits. Computer experience desired. Excellent organizational and interpersonal skills required. Please fax cover letter and resume to (989) 348-0059 Attn: Management or mail to Great Lakes Medical Management Service, 201 Meadows Drive, Grayling, MI 49738.

3. Employment

HOSPITAL CODER II Mercy Hospital Grayling is seeking persons for a full time day position as a Coder II in our Health Information Services Department. Responsibilities include coding on all inpatient and ambulatory surgeries with ICD-9-CM and CPT-4 classification systems, in an acute care hospital setting. RHIT/RHIA/CCS required, or be aggressively pursuing, with defined dates to complete within one year from date of hire. Demonstrated knowledge of prospective payment systems, DRG and APC grouper assignment, and computer-assisted optimization programs is required. Requires knowledge of medical record and its contents. Experience with 3M Health Information System encoder products is desirable. Human Resources, Mercy Hospital Grayling, 1100 E. Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (989) 348-0570. Fax (989) 348-0485. (-21/3)

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3. Employment

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3. Employment

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EOE

Crawford County Road Commission Position Available Mechanic (night shift)

The Crawford County Road Commission is seeking candidates for the position of Mechanic.

Minimum requirements are graduation from High School or equivalent. Current Commercial Drivers License Class A, with air brakes and N & T endorsements with a good driving record. Job descriptions can be obtained at the Road Commission office.

Employment application and Resumes will be accepted until 3:30 p.m. November 27th, 2002 at the Road Commission office at 500 Huron Street, Grayling, Michigan. Resumes can be mailed to the attention of the Managing Director at the address below.

Crawford County Road Commission
500 Huron Street, P.O. Box 648
Grayling, Michigan 49738

Applications and job descriptions may be obtained at the above address. The Crawford County Road Commission is an equal opportunity employer.

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HOUSECLEANING References dependable, reasonable. (989) 348-5275 evenings. (-31-7-14-21/4)

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7. Miscellaneous

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North Central Community Mental Health

North Central Community Health is Seeking:

OBRA THERAPIST to provide assessment services in nursing home and outreach settings. Requires a Master's Degree in Social Work or Psychology and must have certification as a Social Worker, Certified Social Worker, Limited Licensed Psychologist or Temporary LLP in the State of Michigan. Covering Crawford and Roscommon Counties.

UTILIZATION MANAGEMENT SPECIALIST/NURSE to perform authorization and reauthorization of services. May provide screenings, information and referral services, crisis triage, and brief crisis intervention services. Requires Master's Degree in Social Work, Clinical Psychology or Counseling and have current certification from the State of Michigan OR be a Registered Nurse with certification and licensure. Based in Cadillac.

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825 North Center, Gaylord, MI 49735

e-mail: hr@gaylordhospital.org
Phone: (989) 731-2262 • Fax: (989) 731-7792

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1. Miscellaneous

WANTED BEAR ARCHERY and Fred Bear Artifacts, pictures, letters, cards, lamps, magazine racks, etc. For my own personal collection please call Pete Kocenas (989) 348-8627 or 1-800-848-1268 (9/26/02tf/7)

8. Announcements

CALL FOR ACTORS Open Auditions On Tuesday evening, November 26 Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church will hold open auditions for their production of the Christmas work, "Child of Love." The work will be performed on December 20 and 21, 2002. Readings for 7 male and 4 female parts will begin at 7 p.m. Some of the parts require singing. Several children of about 10 years of age are also needed. Singing parts include Mary, Joseph, Joel a shepherd boy of about 16 and Monier, the 16 to 20 year old daughter of one of the magi. (-21/8)

KARAOKE FRIDAY AND SATURDAY night 9-? Plaza Bar. Come and join the fun. (1/24/02tf/8)

SKYLINE RESTAURANT SPECIALS Thursday night, 8 oz. Prime Rib dinner \$9.95. Friday night all you can eat Deep Fried Icelandic Cod Fillet dinner \$9.95. Pan Fried Lake Perch or Walleye dinner \$11.99. Deep Fried Breaded Cod Basket \$5.99. Saturday night BBQ rib. 1/2 slab \$9.95, full slab \$12.95. 12 oz. Ribeye steak \$12.95. All dinners are served with salad bar soup and potato. Other specials served daily. (989) 275-5445 (10/24/02tf/8)

9. Personals

I AM NO LONGER responsible for any debts other than my own. Christopher Galvani (-21/9)

10. Garage Sales

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11. Automotive

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3. Employment

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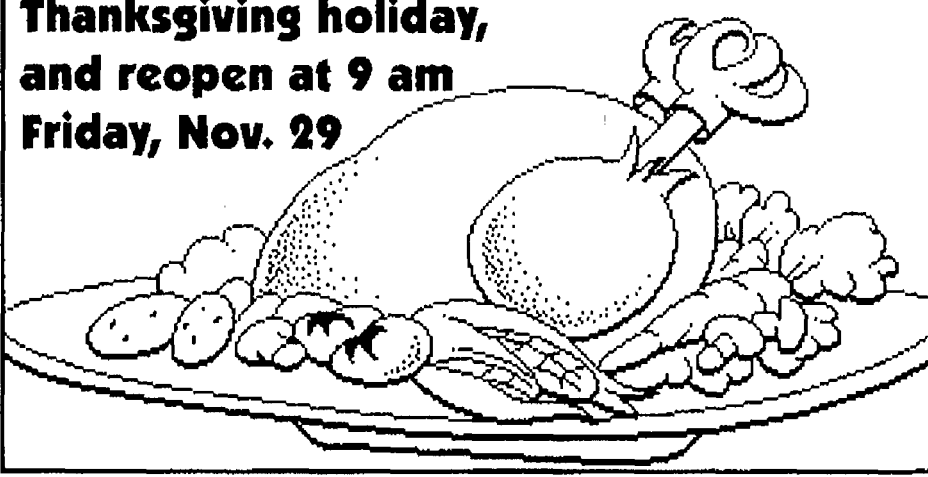
The Huron-Manistee National Forests will be offering for sale by SEALED BID various vehicles. These items are located at the Supervisor's Office, 1755 S. Mitchell Street in Cadillac, MI. Inspection times are 8:30am to 4:30 pm; Tuesday, November 12, through Friday, November 15. The bid package can be picked up at this same location. Please call David Boyer at (231)775-2421 for more information.

Early Deadlines! Avalanche publishing early for Thanksgiving holiday!

The Crawford County Avalanche will publish on Tuesday, Nov. 26 so newsstand buyers and our local subscribers will receive the issue before the Thanksgiving holiday.

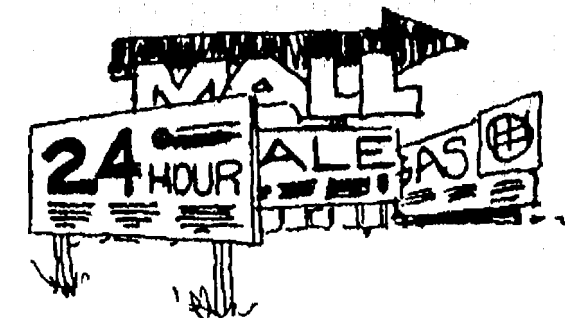
The deadline for all display ads is 5 pm Thursday, Nov. 21, to be considered for the Nov. 28th issue. Community news items and classified display ads must be turned in by noon Friday, Nov. 22. Classified ads by the word must be turned in by noon, Monday, Nov. 25.

The Avalanche will be closed Thursday, Nov. 28, in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, and reopen at 9 am Friday, Nov. 29



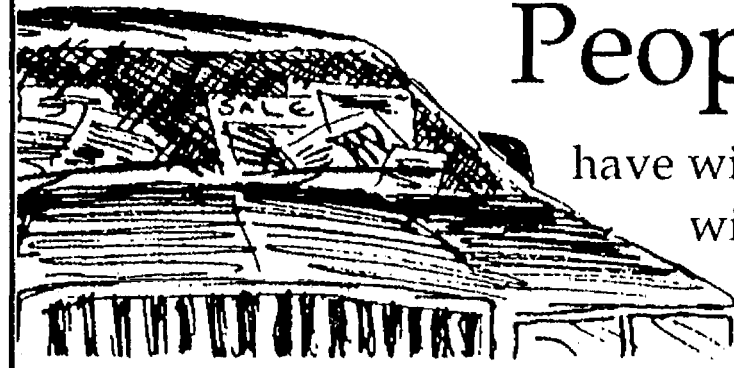
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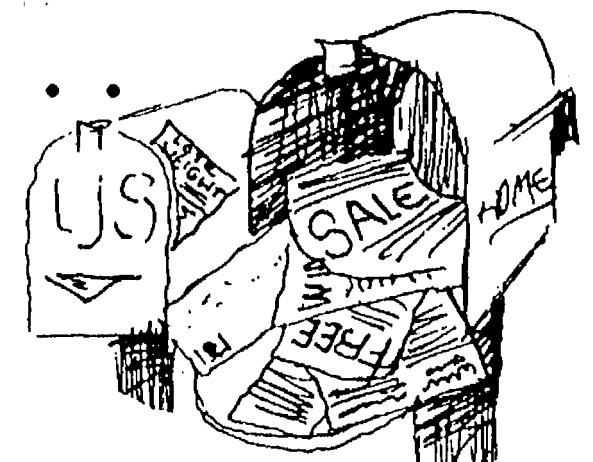
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put up mailboxes to have them filled with handbills, circulars & other give away material



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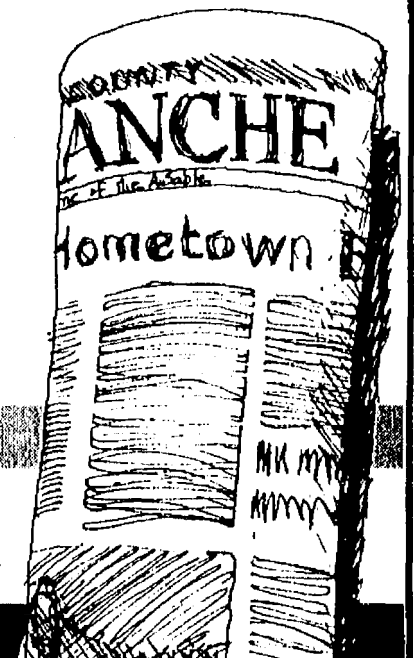
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Advertisers are assured that the reader is going through the Avalanche to get his or her money's worth.

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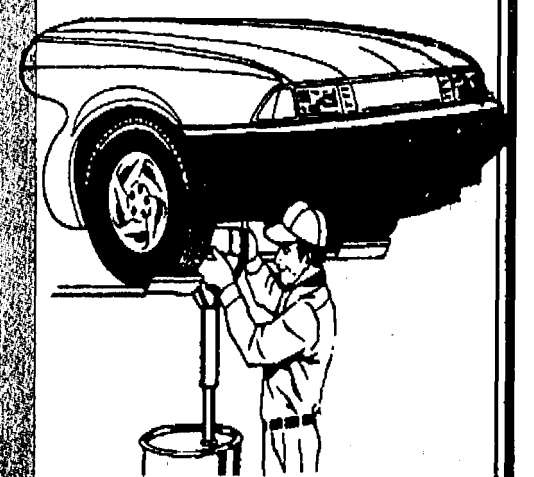
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Goodwrench Service Plus

Plus tax where applicable. Present coupon during write-up. Not valid with other coupons or advertised specials. Expires 12/1/02

WHEEL BALANCE/TIRE ROTATION/BRAKE INSPECTION SPECIAL

- Computer balance 4 wheels
- Rotate tires
- Inspect front pads & rotors
- Inspect rear linings & drums

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Goodwrench Service Plus

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- Replace filter screen
- Adjust throttle linkage
- Replace pan gasket if necessary
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FRONT END ALIGNMENT

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- Inspect & pressure test system for leaks
- Check hoses, belts & clamps
- Drain & refill system with 2 gallons antifreeze

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- Rotate 4 tires
- Check/correct tire pressure
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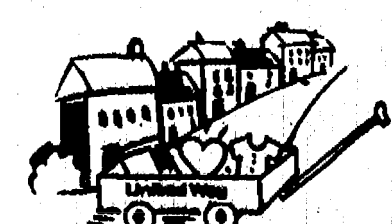
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2001 PONTIAC SUNFIRE
2 Dr., Red with power sunroof! Auto., air, spoiler, really sharp! #14728-1
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2000 PONTIAC GRAND PRIX SE
Sporty & Rod, very nice and clean! #18684-1
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4 dr., auto with air, Only 8,000 miles. #4455
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Auto, air, CD, power options, Satellite Silver, only 10,000 miles! A lot less than new! #19444
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Awesome white diamond color with all of bells & whistles! Only 31,000 miles. Balance of Factory Warranty! #4685
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Beautiful white luxury car with all the bells & whistles! Very clean! A real bargain! #19145-1
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4 dr., only 40,000 miles! Clean and Sharp! Rod! Worry Free 4 mo./4,000 warranty! #19263-1
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Automatic, air, 27,000 miles. 35 miles to the gallon. Don't snooze, you'll lose! #4872
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1998 BUICK LESABRE
Custom, popular "Sandrift" color, very nice and sharp! #19138-2
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1997 DODGE STRATUS ES
V6, automatic, A/C, loaded! Great Car! #19299-1
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Highlight 4 DR., auto, air, power options, really nice! #19419-1
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1997 CHEVY PRIZM
5 speed manual, air condition, CD. Only 72,000 miles! Great gas mileage! #19291-1
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Sport 4x4, 4 dr., really nice and clean! #4935
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1999 GMC JIMMY 4 Dr. 4x4
SLE, sharp and clean! Only 30,000 miles! #4839
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2002 PONTIAC AZTEK
All Wheel Drive, Air, CD, lots of extras! Only 15,000 miles! #4946
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Blowout Price \$17,988 Not a Mistake!

1999 CHEVY TAHOE 4 DR.
4x4, LT with leather, loaded! #4840
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1999 S-10 EXT. CAB
2 Wheel drive, 3rd door, auto., air, LS, tilt, cruise! A great little truck for a little bit of money! #4825
Was \$13,988
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2000 CHEVY BLAZER LT
4 Dr., 4x4, Leather, Sunroof, Two-Tone paint, Beautiful! #19317-1
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1998 FORD EXPLORER
2 dr., 4x4, Sport Model! Loaded with leather! Very nice, very clean! #19067-1
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2000 GMC YUKON 4x4
New body style, SLT, leather, power roof, running boards, 3rd row seating! Sweet! #4931
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2000 OLDSMOBILE SILHOUETTE GLS
With leather, only 28,000 miles! Loaded with goodies! #4947
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2000 FORD F150 SUPERCREW 4x4
XL, 5.4 V-8, fully equipped and sharp! Only 23,000 miles! #19192-1
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1995 CADILLAC CONCOURS
Leather and loaded! Clean and standing tall! #19390-2
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Blowout Price \$7,988 Not a Mistake!

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Very nice with only 56,000 miles! #19357-2
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1999 CHEVY MONTE CARLO Z34
Leather, CD, sharp! #4848-1
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2000 JEEP GRAND CHEROKEE LAREDO
Really nice new body style! Jeep. Ready for Winter! #4938
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Blowout Price \$17,988 Not a Mistake!

2000 CHEVY SUBURBAN 4x4
New body style with leather! Rear air, loaded! Only 29,000 miles! #4896
Was \$31,988
Blowout Price \$28,988 Not a Mistake!

2000 CHEVY SILVERADO REG. CAB
2 Wheel Drive, Auto, with air V-8 with only 10,000 miles! #4999
Was \$17,988
Blowout Price \$14,988 Not a Mistake!

1999 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN 4x4
LT with leather! Loaded to the max! 35,000 miles! #4718
Was \$27,988
Blowout Price \$24,988 Not a Mistake!

1998 PONTIAC TRANS SPORT
Ext. Wheel base, leather, very clean! #4923
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2000 PLYMOUTH GRAND VOYAGER SE
Clean, Fully Equipped & Ready. #18514-1
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1999 GMC JIMMY
4 dr., 4x4, SLT, leather, power roof, dual power seats, really nice! #4924-2
Was \$14,988
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1998 SUBURBAN
2 WD SLT with leather, Loaded, CD/Cassette, running boards, very clean Local trade-in, #19331-2
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1998 JEEP WRANGLER
Sahara top of the line! V6, 5 spd, air, hardtop, 2 tops, very nice! Worry Free Warranty! #19407-1
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2000 PONTIAC MONTANA
Fully equipped! Power door, etc. CD, all the toys! #4928
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2001 MAZDA TRIBUTE
4 wheel drive sport utility. Lots of extras and a great deal! #19210-1
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Wow! What a sweetheart! Aspen white with neutral leather. Top Shelf! #4945
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Blowout Price \$31,988 Not a Mistake!

2001 CHEVY SILVERADO EXT. CAB 4x4
LS trim, 5.3 V8, CD, trailer tow, power, lots of optional! Low miles! #19462-1
Was \$24,988
Blowout Price \$22,988 Not a Mistake!

1998 DODGE NEON
Auto, with air, CD, power windows and look! Great fuel economy! #18890-1
Was \$6,988
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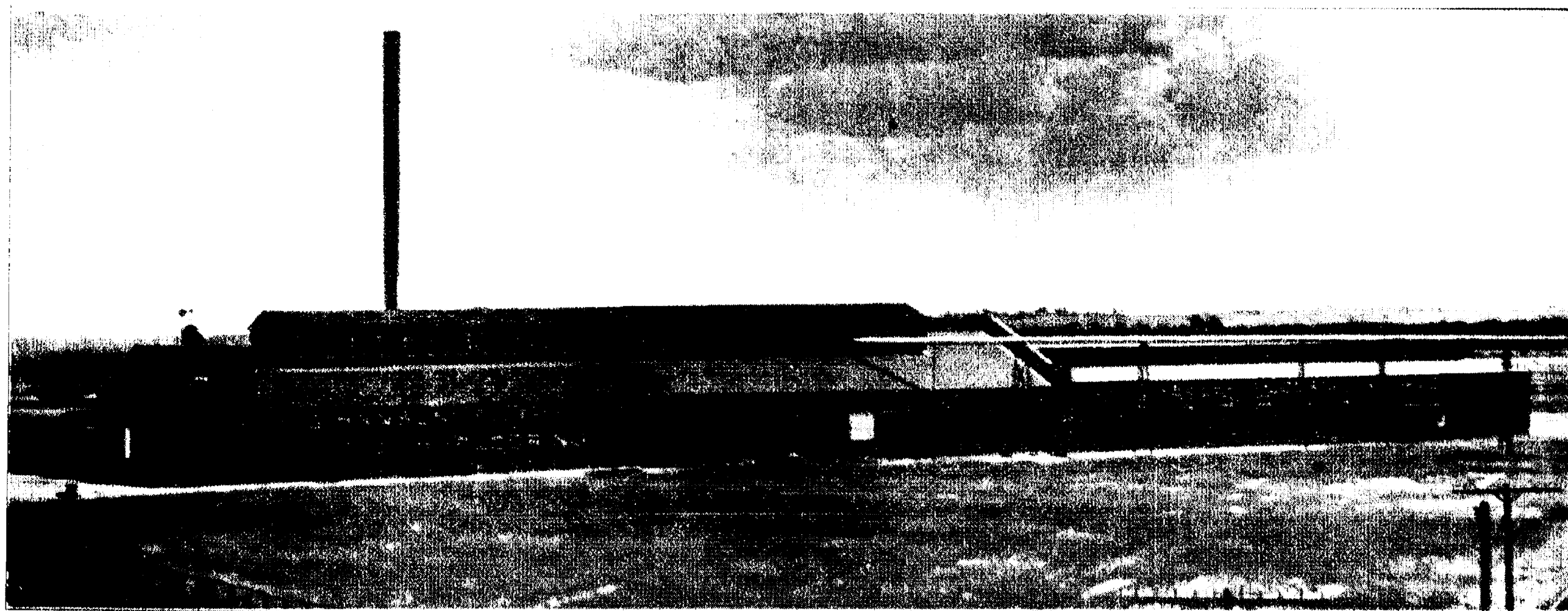
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DECEMBER

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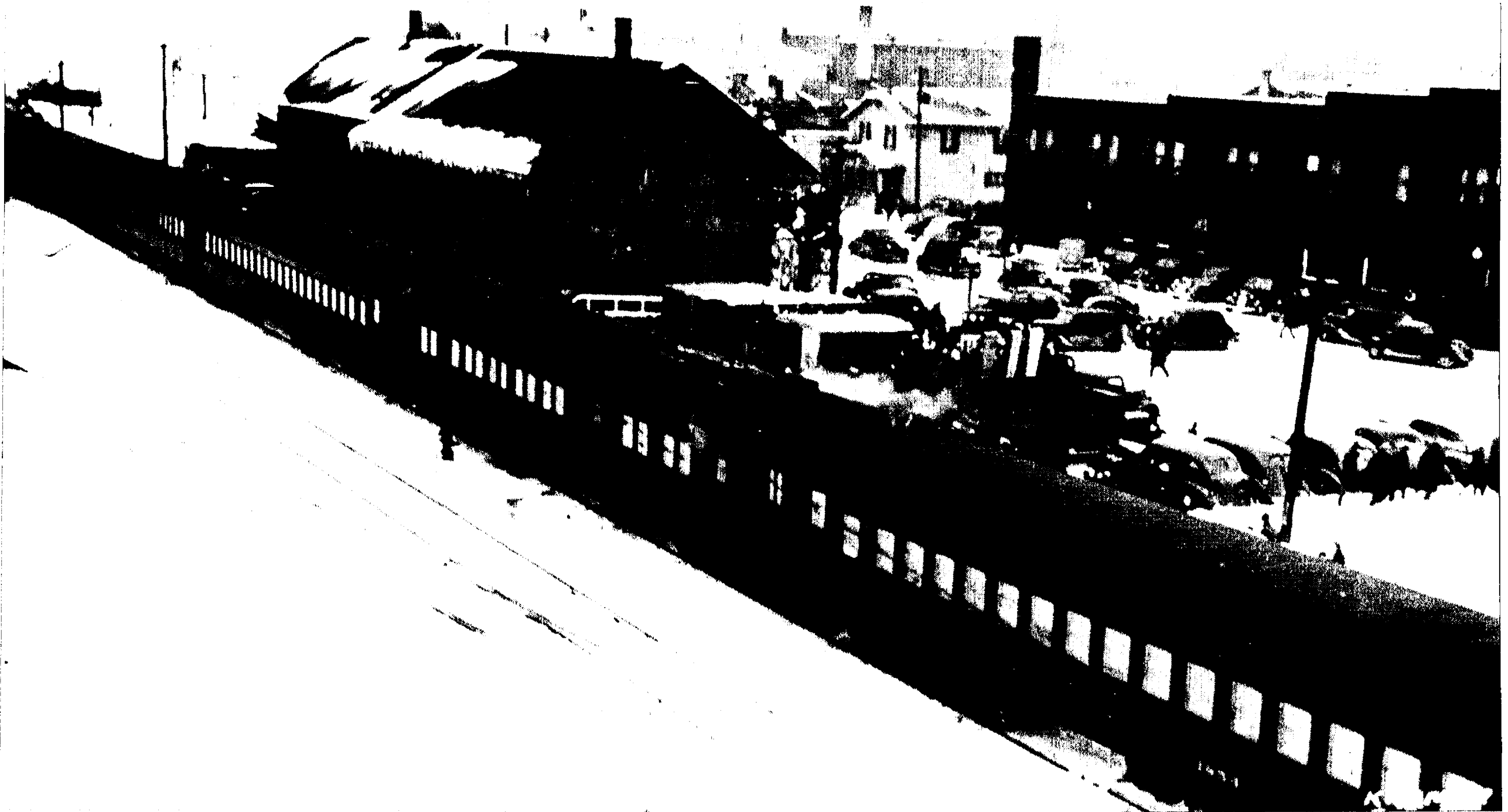
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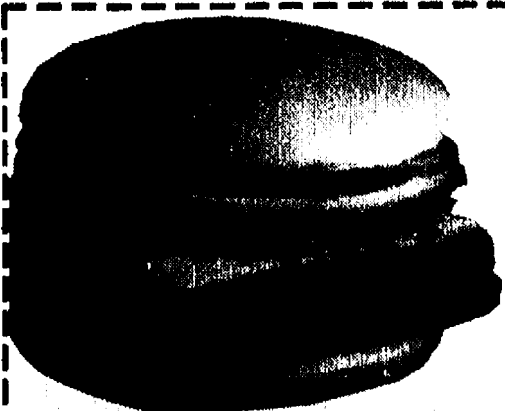
Snow Train

The Snow Train brought thousands of people from near and far to downtown Grayling to have fun at the Winter Sports Park, now Hanson Hills Recreation Area. Grayling was a favorite winter destination long before the invention of the snowmobile. The depot offered dining and hotel arrangements. Photo Courtesy of The Crawford County Historical Museum

JANUARY

2003

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	2	3	4
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19	20 <i>Martin Luther King Jr. Day</i>	21	22	23	24	25
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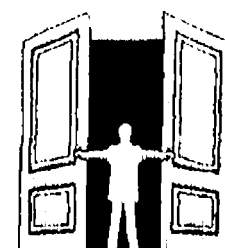


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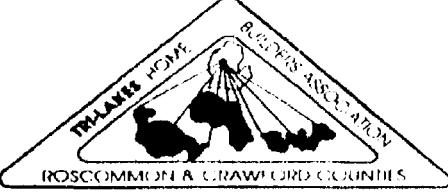
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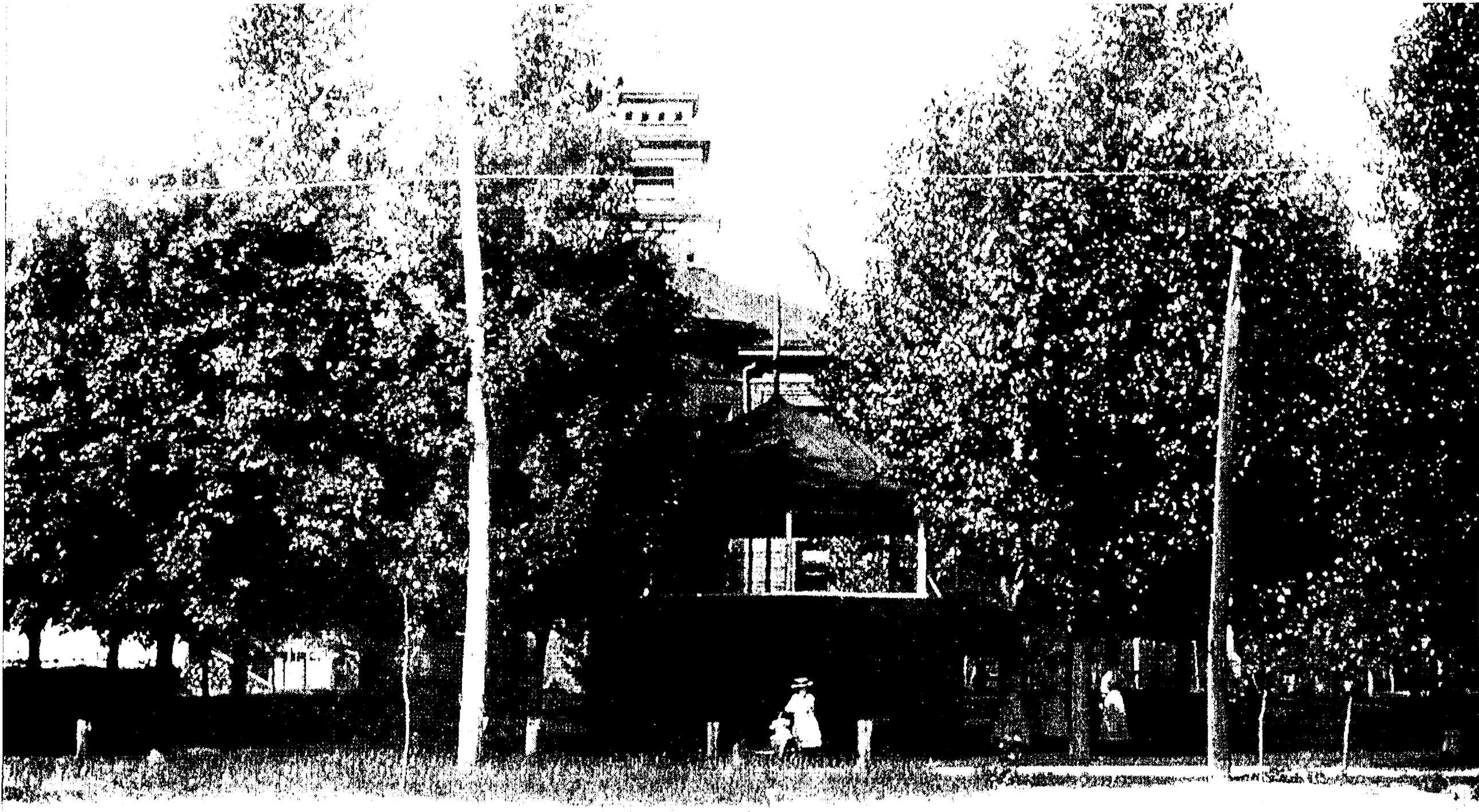
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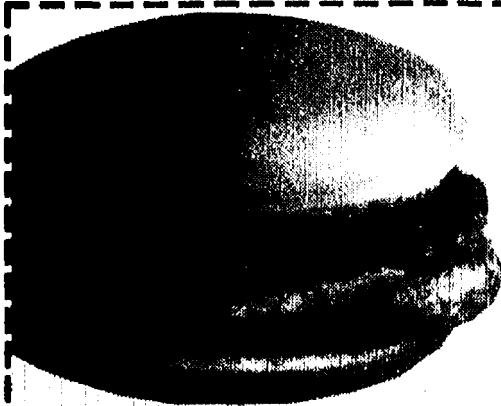
A Real American Bandstand

This bandstand stood on the corner of Michigan Avenue and Peninsular Streets., in front of the old courthouse (1900s to 1960s). In its early days, Grayling had a Citizens Band and the tradition continued for many years. The bandstand was the site of many concerts. Photo Courtesy of The Crawford County Historical Museum

MARCH

2003

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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			Ash Wednesday			
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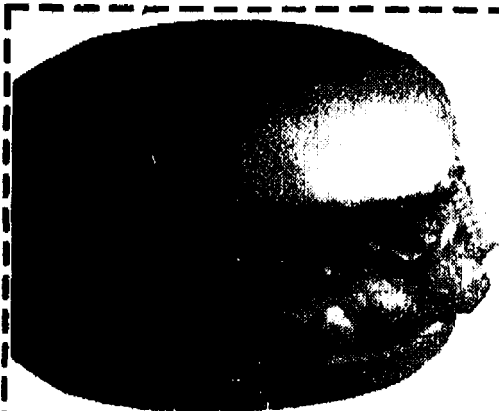
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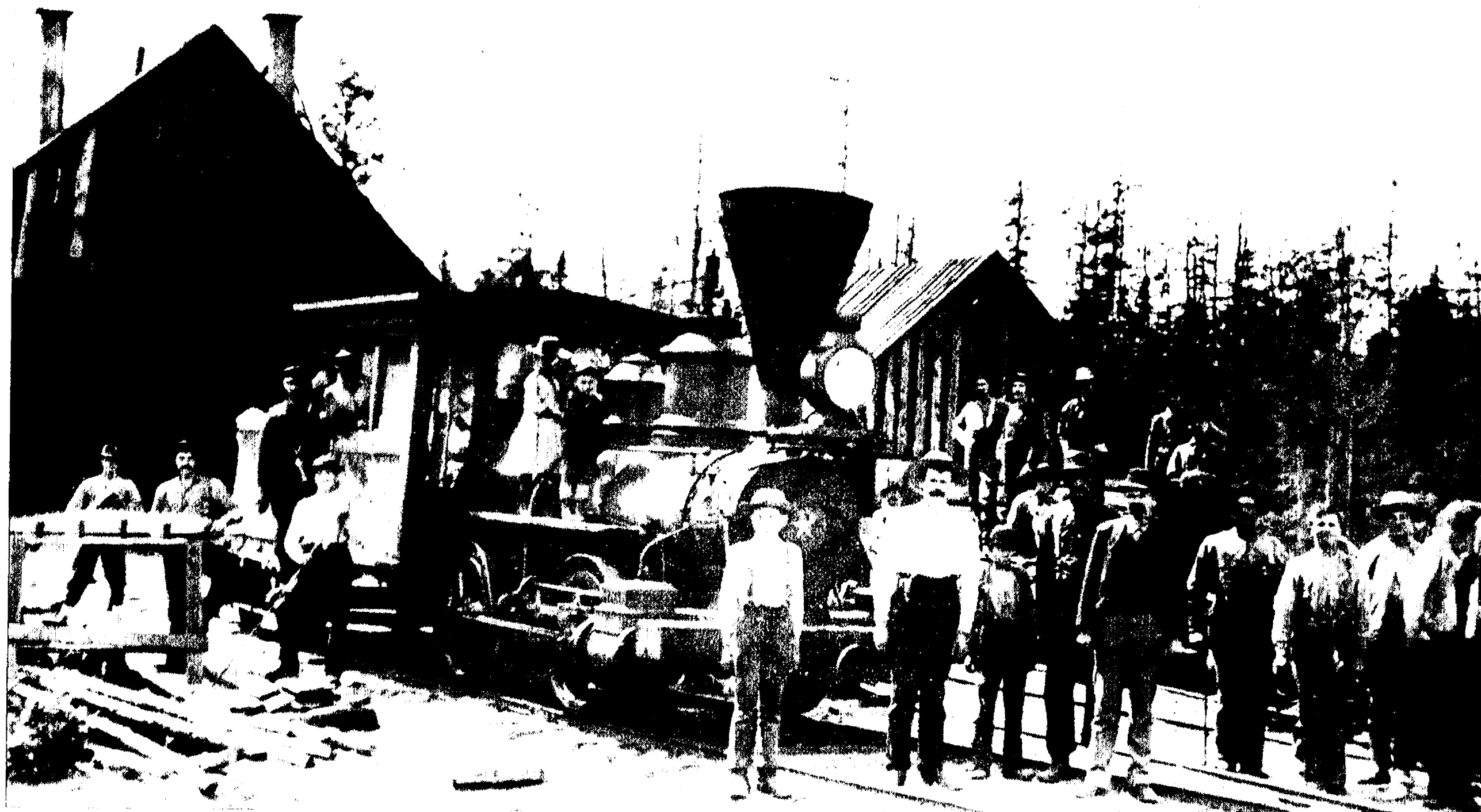
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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6 <i>Daylight Saving Time Begins</i>	7	8	9	10	11	12
13 <i>Palm Sunday</i>	14	15	16	17	18 <i>Good Friday</i>	19
20 <i>Easter</i>	21	22	23 <i>Professional Secretaries Day</i>	24	25	26
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MAY

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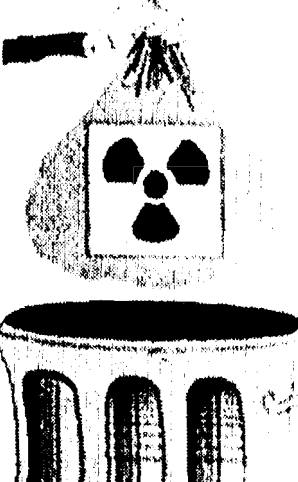
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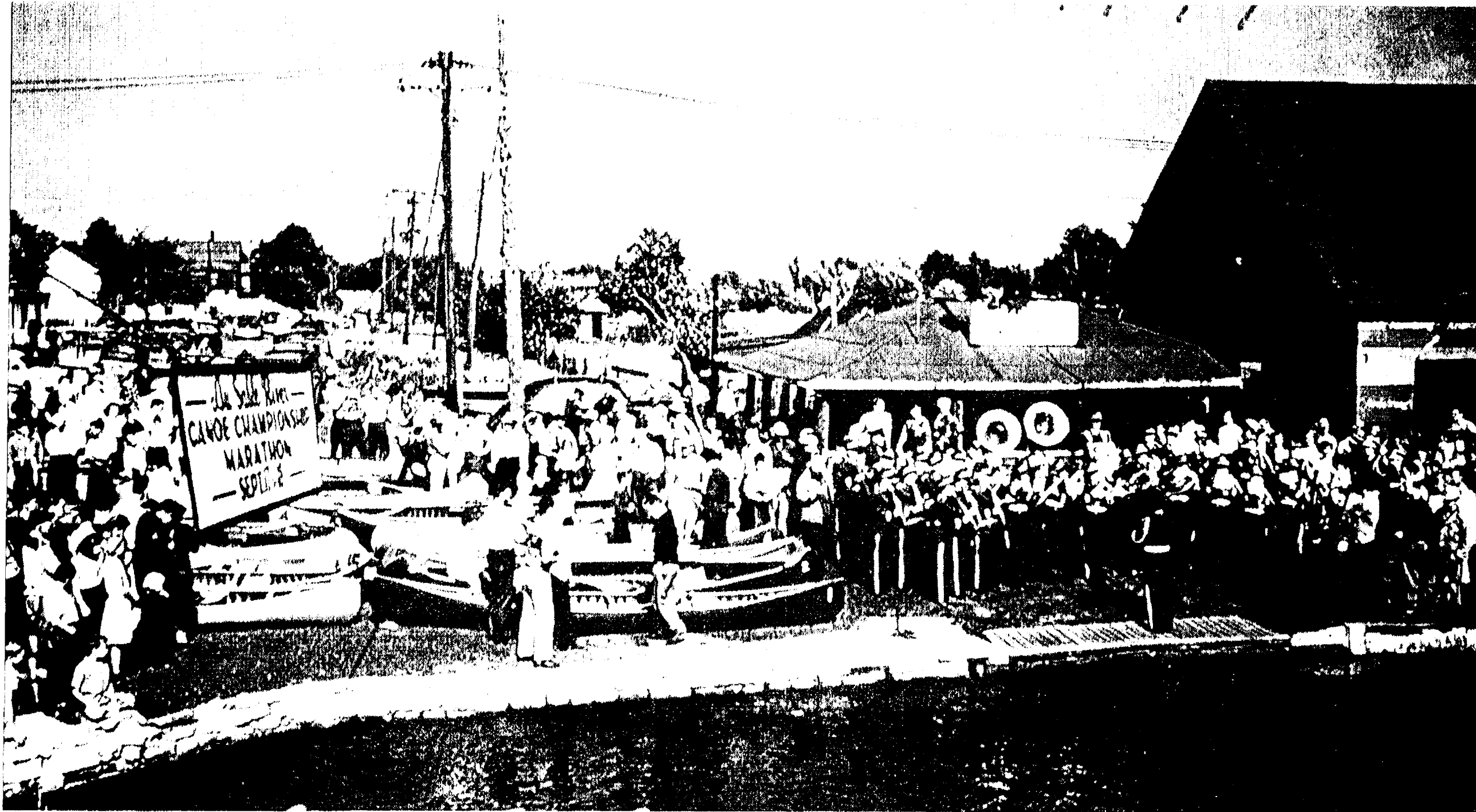
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The beginning of the third AuSable River Canoe Championship Marathon in September, 1949, a tradition which continues to this day, but on the last Saturday in July. This photo shows the start of the race at the end of Ingham Street in Grayling at Ray's Canoe Livery. Photo Courtesy of The Crawford County Historical Museum

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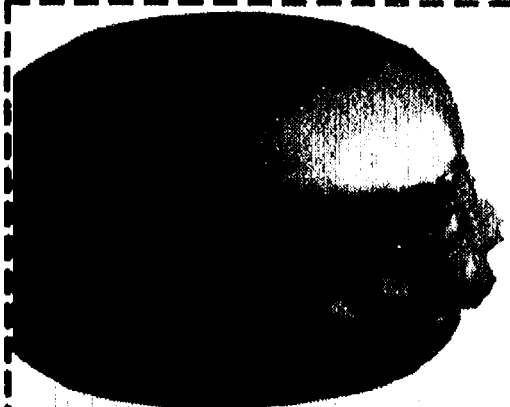
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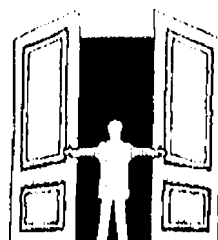
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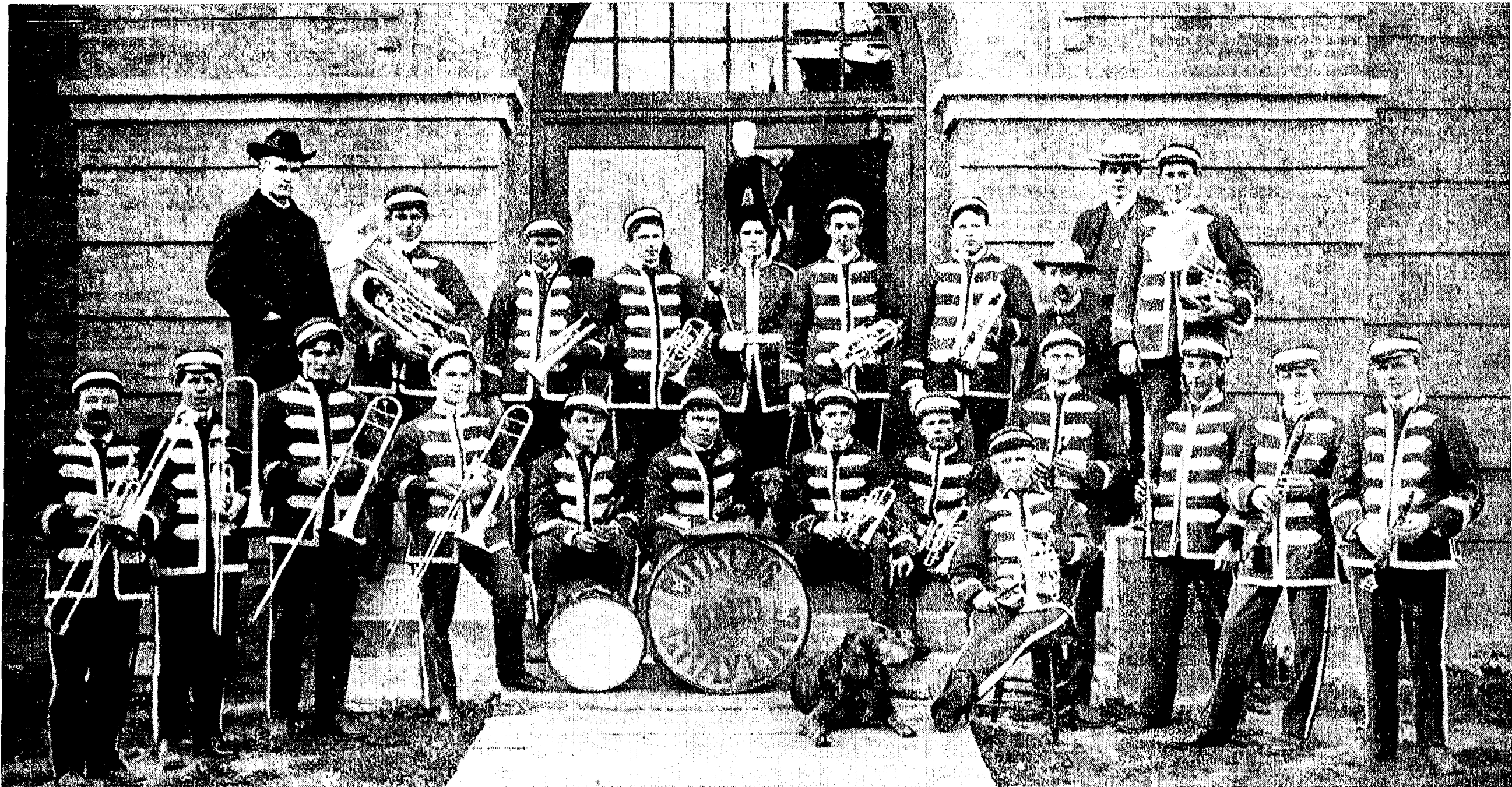
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Grayling Citizens Band

Though we can't identify every member, this photo of an early Grayling Citizens Band is worth sharing. Back row, from left: Marius Hanson, Joe Herrie, unknown, unknown, Hugh ?, Bert Neuman, Bert Mitchell, William McCoutlogh(?), Holger Hanson, Bob Reagan; front row, from left: Clate Streaty, Oscar Hanson, unknown, Bill Nolan, Ed Nolan, unknown, Pete Olson, unknown, Allen Failing, Louie Joseph, unknown, Carl Mork, Band Master Ed Clark. Photo Courtesy of The Crawford County Historical Museum

SEPTEMBER							2003
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
	1 <i>Labor Day</i>	2	3	4	5	6	
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OCTOBER

2003

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13 <i>Columbus Day</i>	14	15	16 <i>National Boss Day</i>	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
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Kling Bros. Department Store

The Kling Bros. Department Store was one of the important businesses of the day. Above the store was the Opera House where the social events of the community took place. The building was located on West County Road 612 where the Frederic Township Hall now stands. Photo Courtesy of The Crawford County Historical Museum

NOVEMBER

2003

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 <i>Veterans Day</i>	12	13	14	15
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30				<i>Thanksgiving</i>		

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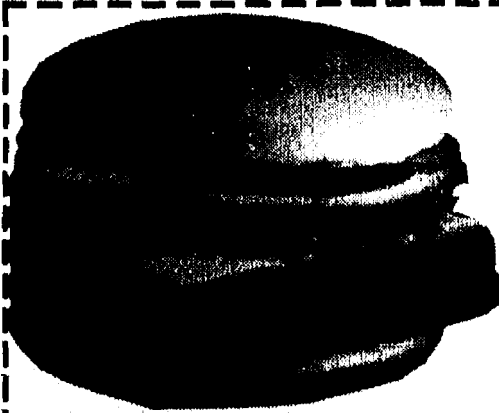
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DECEMBER

2003

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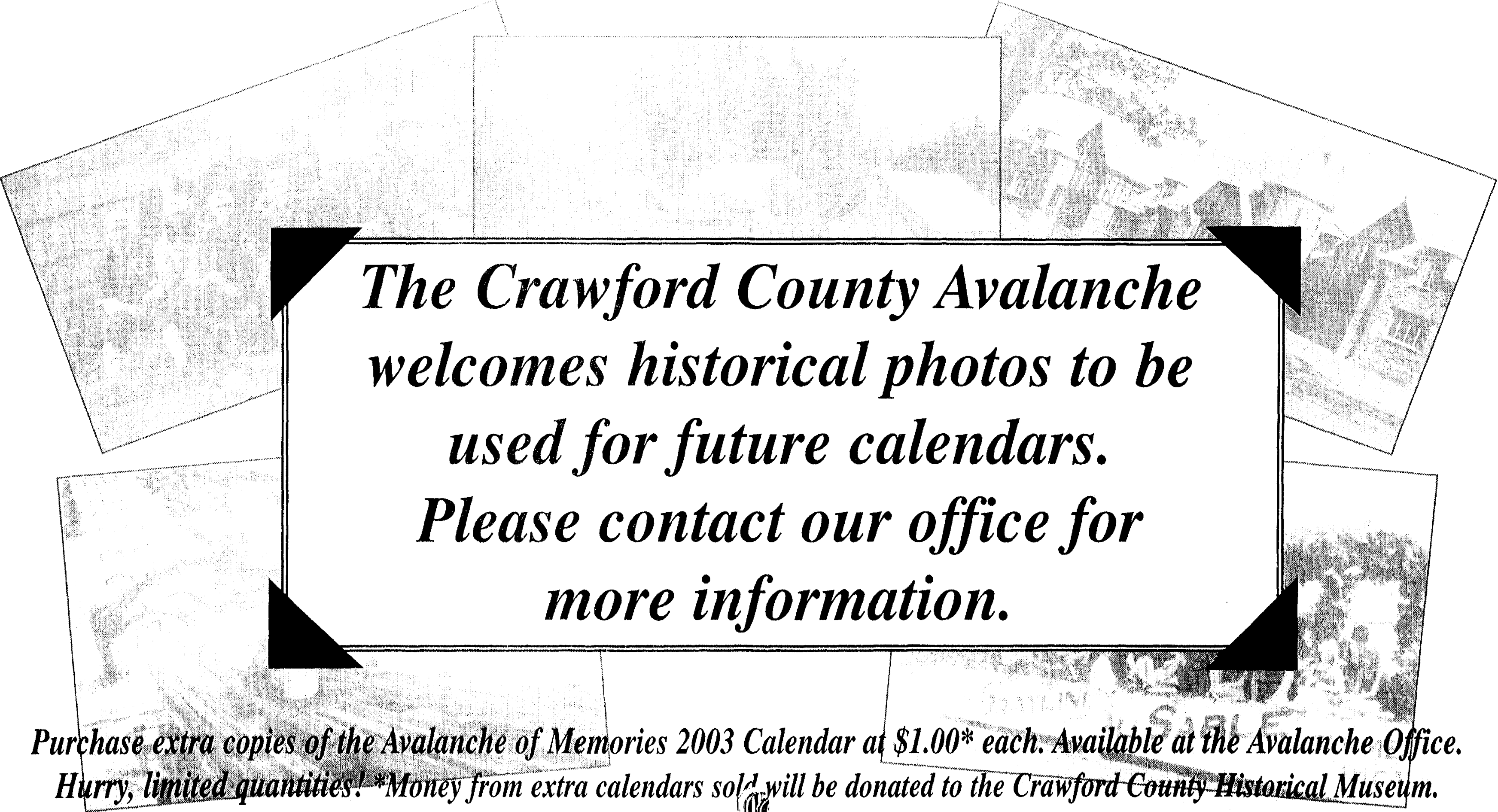
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